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## SEEK SPEEDY DECLARATION OF DROUGHT RELIEF POLICY

### Alberta Farm Co-operatives Make Big Advances

#### S.A. CO-OPERATIVE HAS TURNOVER OF \$618,929 FOR YEAR

Gross Trading Surplus of \$13,997 by Successful Southern Co-operative

#### 12 YEARS' PROGRESS

Has Assets of \$64,000 with \$17,000 Cash Reserve, Annual Meeting Learns

A year's operation of one of the West's most successful co-operative associations was reviewed in Lethbridge July 30th, when delegates of the Southern Alberta Co-operative Association Ltd., met under the chairmanship of the president, J. W. Anderson, Barnwell.

The meeting marked twelve years of activity, during which period the association has acquired assets to the value of \$64,000; has created a cash reserve of \$17,000; has lowered throughout the entire district it serves the level of service costs in the purchase and distribution of farmers' supplies, and has consistently protected the interests of its membership in all matters within its sphere. That this outstanding record of success is appreciated was indicated throughout the session by the expressions of satisfaction and loyalty to the organization, voiced by many delegates. The manager of the co-operative since its inception, W. C. McKenzie, was particularly commended for his untiring efforts.

#### Twelve Months' Turnover

Auditor's report for the fiscal year ending June 30th showed a turnover of \$618,929 for the twelve month period, with a gross trading surplus of \$13,997.

In the course of the meeting the delegates were addressed by J. H. Blackmore, M.P., who outlined the problems in agriculture, S. G. Carlyle, Provincial Live Stock Commissioner, Edmonton, who dealt specifically with live stock questions, and E. W. Brunson, secretary, Alberta Co-operative Council, Calgary, who reviewed the need existing in Alberta and in Canada for consolidating of farmers' viewpoints in matters vitally affecting them and explained, to this end, the purposes and structure of the newly-formed Co-operative Council, of which the association is a member.

The co-operative delegates also gave time to the study of many farm questions and expressed their opinions concerning same by resolutions. The Provincial Government was asked to take immediate steps to provide feed for live stock in drought areas and thus assist in preventing further demoralization of live stock markets. The Federal Government was urged to make known at the earliest possible moment its policy toward live stock

#### Where Fascists War to Down Democracy



Fascist insurrection against the Popular Front Government of Spain, recently elected by a large majority, was launched 21 days ago under the leadership of General Franco, starting in Morocco and spreading to the mainland. The civil war proceeds with heavy loss of life and the issue still in doubt. Under the leadership of the *Front Populaire* Government of France, an effort is being made by non-Fascist Western powers to secure a pact of non-intervention by all great states of Europe. In the picture women are seen crouching in a street in San Sebastian, during a local fight between Fascists and Republicans just before the great revolt broke out. San Sebastian, on the Bay of Biscay, is threatened by Fascist forces.

### Stress Urgent Need for Farm Relief

President Gardiner Urges Early Statement Regarding Feed, Assistance in Transportation, Fuel, Machinery, Necessities of Life

Acting for the whole U.F.A. Executive which met in Calgary at the end of last week, President Robert Gardiner has written Premier Aherhart on the need for speedy action to meet the serious situation in the drought-stricken areas.

"We are deeply concerned," reads the letter in part, "at the complete crop failure over large areas of the Province and at the serious diminishing of returns in other parts. Relief for Agriculture, including provision of

in drought areas, that producers might make plans for the immediate future. Support for the principles of the Natural Products Marketing Act was voiced in a resolution, which urged the Federal Government to maintain these principles on the statutes of Canada and allow marketing schemes now in process of organization to be completed.

feed for cattle, assistance to transport cattle to market, supplies of fuel and lubricating oils for tractors and other farm machinery and the necessities of life for large numbers of farm people is exceedingly urgent.

"We are not seeking to embarrass your Government, but are anxious on behalf of the thousands of farmers, hard hit by the drought, that your Government should declare its policy in these matters at the earliest possible moment.

"Farmers with livestock, whether intended for market this fall, or breeding stock which must form the basis of future production, or dairy cattle from which any income is to be derived, are at a loss to know what course to take.

"Trusting that your attention will be given to this vital matter and that a public announcement will shortly be made."

#### RECORD BROKEN BY ACADIA CO-OP. IN BUSINESS VOLUME

\$100,000 Mark Passed in Last Season—Reports Show Growth of Enterprise

#### VARIETY OF COMMODITIES

Co-operative Spirit Flourishes in District Hard Hit by Crop Failures

With a total turnover of \$101,991.50 for the financial year just closed, the Acadia U.F.A. Constituency Co-operative Association broke all records in volume of business done. The previous year's total was \$72,192.82. The total for the five year period since the organization of the Co-operative, formed in association with the U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association, has been \$323,272.24.

This remarkable record of progress is a tribute to the co-operative spirit of the people in a district which has suffered from successive crop failures and to the management of the enterprise. The figures were revealed at the annual meeting of the co-operative held at Cereal recently.

The meeting was well attended, all Locals being fully represented by trustees, and in some cases also by their president and secretary.

#### Coal Largest Item

During the year the largest volume of business was done in coal, petroleum products and fruit; while wood and posts, twine and flour, formed other large items, large savings being made by the member Locals. Among other commodities dealt in were strychnine, poultry supplies, honey, syrup and cheese, salt, batteries and tires.

Norman D. Stewart, president, and J. A. Cameron, vice-president, took the chair alternately, and at the close of proceedings all old officers were elected, the Board consisting, in addition to the president and vice-president, of Jake Frey, Arneson; W. Byler, Oyen; Justin Bergh, Cereal, and Lorne Proudfoot of Chinook. D. H. Smith is manager.

In his presidential address Mr. Stewart reviewed the progress of the Acadia co-operative and dealt with the function of the Alberta Co-operative Council, while Mr. Bergh explained to local trustees the manner in which Cereal Local is distributing commodities. In the evening an address by Mr. Cameron on the early history of co-operation and by J. K. Sutherland on present problems of co-operative enterprises were heard with great interest.

In spite of the disastrous crop season, it is expected that the co-operative will handle as much if not more fruit this year than last.



# CANADA PACKERS LIMITED

## REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS

Canada Packers Limited closed its ninth fiscal year March 26th, 1936.

Profit for the year, after Bond Interest, Depreciation and Income Tax, was.....\$1,288,011.18  
Dividends paid Preference Shareholders.....316,701.00

Available for Common Shares.....\$ 971,310.18  
On 200,000 Shares.....\$4.85 per Share.

Out of this sum, it has been decided to distribute during the current fiscal year.....\$ 600,000.00  
(i.e. \$3.00 per Share) as Dividend on the Common Stock.

An important change was made during the year in the financial structure of the Company. At the close of the last fiscal year there were outstanding 58,905 Preference Shares and no Bonds. On January 1st, 1936, these Preference Shares were called at the price stipulated in the Issue, viz. \$110.00 per Share.

To provide the funds necessary for this operation the Company sold \$6,000,000 of Bonds. The Issue consisted of:—

\$3,000,000 Serial Bonds repayable in one, two, three and four years—  
Interest, 3%, 3-1/8%, 3-1/4%, and 3-3/8%, respectively.  
\$3,000,000 of 10-year Bonds, Interest rate 4%.  
For this Issue of.....\$6,000,000.00  
the Company received.....5,970,000.00

The cost to the Company of the Issue was, therefore.....\$ 30,000.00

This sum was absorbed in the Operating Expenses of the year.

It was not without regret that the Directors parted with the Preference Shareholders, most of whom had held Stock in the original Companies dating back many years. However, the transaction reduced the preferred charges against the operation of the Company from.....\$ 422,268.00  
to.....215,625.00

An annual saving of.....\$ 206,643.00

In so highly competitive an Industry, the Directors felt they could not forego so important a saving. In times of stress the business will have the advantage of the lighter load.

The reduction in the preferred charges will, of course, inure to the benefit of the Common Shareholders.

Total Sales for the year were.....\$63,586,883.36  
Total Tonnage.....659,706,573 lbs.  
Net profit for the year.....\$1,288,011.18  
It will be seen, therefore, that the Net Profit is equivalent to:—  
2% of Sales—Dollars  
or to 1/5c per lb. of product sold.

As in the previous year, a separate record has been kept of the Profit derived from all the products of all the Canadian Live Stock handled. This was equivalent to:—

10.7c per 100 lbs.  
or 1/10c per lb.

The Directors feel it is important to give prominence to these figures. The Packer admittedly performs a necessary service. Those whom he serves are the Producers, who supply the raw material, and the Public, who consume the product. These have a clear interest in the amount of Profit the Packer makes on his operations. If he makes too much, it is at the expense either of the Producer or the Consumer (or both). If, on the other hand, he performs his necessary service at an extremely small margin of Profit, it is important this fact should be known to those whom he serves.

In view of the figures quoted above, it may seem surprising that the Profits of Packers should ever have been a topic of discussion. The explanation lies partly in the large volume of business done by some of the Packing Companies. Geographic and economic conditions have led to the development of large units within the Packing Industry.

On a Volume of 1 Million Dollars, a Net Profit of 2% would be equivalent to.....\$ 20,000.00

On a Volume of 100 Million Dollars, the same net per cent would yield a Profit of.....2,000,000.00

The former sum would attract nobody's attention, whereas, if considered with relation to Volume, the latter seems a very large Profit.

Yet actually the two Profits are exactly the same.

The fact is that large Units have worked out to the advantage of the Producer and the Consumer inasmuch as they have in fact operated at a less percentage of Profit than the smaller units.

During the year an important step has been taken towards the expansion of the Company's business. Heretofore its most Westerly Plant has been that at Winnipeg. From this Plant it was possible to ship limited quantities of product to Saskatchewan, but none to Alberta or British Columbia. For several years it has been recognized that a Plant in Alberta was necessary to round off the Company's operations, and this year it was felt Working Capital had reached a point at which the expansion might be undertaken.

It was decided, therefore, to build a Plant at Edmonton, Alberta, and work upon it was begun in March last. The Plant will be completed some time in September. Although smaller than the Company's Plants in Toronto and Winnipeg, it will be the finest Packing House in Canada. Probably it is within the facts to say it will be the finest on the North American Continent. It has been planned with extreme care. The equipment throughout is of the most modern and efficient type. In addition, great care has been taken with the exterior.

The total Investment, including Branches necessary for the distribution of its products throughout Alberta and British Columbia, will be about \$1,000,000.00.

For the Producer of Live Stock, the year under review has, on the whole, been an encouraging one. Cattle prices are still low, and the outlook none too clear.

But Hog prices and Sheep prices have been high throughout the year. And even Cattle prices are a good deal better than two years ago, or three years ago.

To one who may be inclined towards a pessimistic view of the Live Stock outlook, the best corrective is to look back over the record of the six depression years. And particularly to compare conditions today with those of the low point.

That point occurred between September, 1932, and March, 1933. Although removed from it by less than four years, it is difficult now even to recall how depressing the outlook then was. The improvement (from that point) has been gradual, and for this reason one does not realize until the comparison is actually set up how greatly Farm prices have advanced.

The following table gives this comparison for the periods:—

	Sept., 1932, to March, 1933	Sept., 1935, to March, 1936
Wheat, No. 1 Northern, Port Arthur.....	46.9c	85.6c
Bacon Hogs, f.o.b. Ontario Country Points.....	3.81	8.03
Lambs, Toronto Market.....	5.50	8.12
Good Steers, 1,050 lbs. down, Toronto Market.....	4.27	5.35
Butter, Toronto Market.....	21.99	24.17
Cheese, Toronto Market.....	9.69	12.43

Agriculture is Canada's basic Industry. More than upon any other factor, the economic welfare of Canada depends upon the prosperity of her Farms.

To promote the welfare of the Farmer should, therefore, be the first item of national economic policy. If at times those responsible for national policy have appeared to lose sight of this, the reason is not indifference, but the fact that it is not easy to assist Agriculture by legislative enactment. In the case of a manufacturing Industry, the seemingly obvious method of assistance is that of Tariff protection. But except within the narrowest range, Agriculture cannot be helped by Tariffs.

Obviously Agricultural welfare depends chiefly on the prices of Farm products. Every Government in Canada sincerely wishes to advance prices of Farm products. The problem is to know how it can be done. The solution will derive not from the study of this or that surface feature, but of the underlying factors which determine Farm prices.

In regard to these there must be important lessons to learn from the experience of the last six years, and as an aid to deducing these, the accompanying graph (at the end of this Report) is useful. It depicts the course of prices of three chief Agricultural products—Wheat, Hogs, Cattle—for the period March, 1930, to March, 1936.

First amongst the deductions to be drawn from this 6-year perspective is that most important point already mentioned, viz., that declines cannot continue forever, and that falling prices in the end bring about their own correction.

The fact was that after prices had kept falling for three years, and then dragged on bottom for almost another year, many Farmers and others began to wonder whether, perhaps, the old economic laws had been superseded, and whether we were going through economic territory for which no chart existed.

The reassurance (that low prices ultimately lead to higher prices) has its chief value, perhaps, not for to-day, but for to-morrow. For our own generation may be called upon to face another major depression. It certainly will if the war clouds which now seem gathering should actually break. In that case the high prices of the next war period would be followed at some stage by another calamitous decline. And mankind would need whatever aids to its courage there are to be had from the study of the depression from which it is now emerging.

But other and more fundamental deductions are to be drawn from the graph. Chief amongst these is the fact that the total value received for a year's crop depends upon the form in which it is marketed. The primary crops, Wheat, Oats, Barley, Fruits, Vegetables, etc., can be sold as such. Or they can be converted (through the medium of live stock) into Meats, Butter, Cheese, Eggs, etc. As between the most advantageous and least advantageous methods of marketing a single year's crop, the difference in the cash value to the Producers may be scores of Millions of Dollars.

For instance, during the six years covered by the graph, there has been a surplus of Wheat and of Cattle greater than the available external outlets would absorb. The causes are well known—in the case of Wheat, the closing of markets due to the frenzy for national self-sufficiency; and in the case of Cattle, the narrowing of Canada's main outlet (that to United States), by the Hawley-Smoot Tariff of 1930.

In respect of Hogs, on the other hand, an opposite situation obtained. By reason of the Ottawa Agreement an outlet existed for Wiltshire Bacon (at highly profitable prices) much greater than Canada had the product to fill. During these three years Great Britain would have taken the product of 1-1/4 million Hogs per year more than were actually shipped.

Wheat can be converted into Hogs. A Bacon Hog can be produced from approximately 16 bushels of Wheat. If, out of the surplus of Wheat, there had been produced during each of these three years an extra 1-1/4 million Hogs, the amount of Wheat consumed in the process would have been 20 million bushels per year. This conversion would have yielded the producers a very large profit—as between the market value of the Wheat at the Farm and the market value of the Hogs at the Farm. Moreover, by absorbing 20 million bushels of Wheat per year it would have helped materially to relieve the burden of the overhanging surplus.

The above illustration brings us back, as does every similar discussion, to this fundamental proposition—that the problem of making the most of Canada's Farm crops is that of finding markets abroad for the surplus.

Canada has a vast Agricultural area and a relatively sparse population. Even in lean years she produces a very large surplus. This surplus has a special significance inasmuch as the price obtainable abroad for the surplus determines the price not only of the product exported, but also of the product retained at home.

For instance, the price the Canadian Farmer gets for all his Wheat is determined by the price received for the surplus at Liverpool. Similarly, the price for

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## World Wheat Crop

The 1936 wheat crop in 35 countries, including Canada, the U.S., 27 European countries, 4 North African countries, India and Japan, was estimated at 2,905,412,000 bushels by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as at July 20th. This compares with 2,977,912,000 bushels last year, from these 35 countries which grew 85 per cent of the world's wheat crop, the U.S.S.R. and China contributing most of the balance. North American crops have of course suffered from drought damage since this estimate for 1936 was made.

Although exact figures could not be secured from the Government, a survey of roadwork under way in the Province showed that approximately 3,000 men were at work last week under the scrip work scheme.

all his Hogs is determined by the price received for the surplus (in the form of Wiltshire Bacon) in London.

From the above, the following deductions ensue:—

- (1) That the development of markets abroad for Farm products must always be a major objective of Canadian trade policy.
- (2) That Canada should plan to adjust production of its chief Agricultural products so that the surplus shall conform to the outlets for those products which exists abroad.
- (3) Conversely, that she should produce a sufficient surplus of each product to fill all the profitable outlets which do exist.

It is a simple matter to talk of Agricultural planning for Canada. But to direct or divert production, even to a slight extent, is a problem involving the greatest difficulties.

For the decisions as to production are made on 700,000 farms. Each Farmer decides what he will produce, in the main without reference to the decision of any other Farmer.

And yet the matter is one of such importance that some attempt at solution must be made. Probably the best plan is continually to place before the Farmers the broad facts regarding Canada's external market outlets. As his grasp of these facts becomes firmer the Farmer will himself tend to adjust his operations to fluctuating market conditions.

To illustrate from the experience of the last three years. There must have been a good many thousands of Farmers in Canada who might, to their great advantage, have converted Wheat into Hogs if they had foreseen more clearly that for three years there would be a surplus of Wheat which could not be cleared, and at the same time a deficiency of Hogs.

Perhaps it would be worth while to add to the existing multitude of Farm Bodies an Agricultural Advisory Council. This Body might correspond in the field of Agriculture to the General Economic Council suggested recently for Canada. Its membership might consist of three or four representative Farmers, and an equal number of persons most familiar with the problems of marketing Canada's chief crops. The Chairman might perhaps be the Federal Minister or Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

Such a Body meeting three or four times a year to review the broad problems of Agricultural marketing might, by its recommendations, eventually gain the confidence and attention of the Farmers and become the medium through which individual Farm production would be adjusted to national outlets.

It has been the practice in these Reports to discuss the special factors immediately affecting the markets for Hogs and Cattle. Certain references to these have already been made, and space remains only for a highly condensed summary.

### HOGS:

Throughout the year conditions have been very favourable. For the calendar year 1935 the average price for Bacon Hogs, f.o.b. Ontario Country points was . . . 8.22c per lb.

The explanation is well understood. Under the Ottawa Agreement Canada was given a quota of 2,500,000 Hogs. In 1935 Canada's shipments amounted to only one-half this quota. And in 1936 shipments will probably not exceed 1,500,000 Hogs.

This is a great misfortune. If the Quota had been filled a large Profit would have been made upon the extra Hogs. But a more important consideration still is that Canada would have become established upon that basis in the British market. The Ottawa Agreements expire in 1937. Preliminary conversations are now being held looking toward their renewal. Final negotiations will take place a year from now. It is of the greatest importance that shipments during the coming year should be as near the Quota as possible. Unfortunately in most parts of Canada, Oats and Barley—the Grains from which Hogs are chiefly produced—are a poor crop. In the past a failure in these crops has been followed by a decline in Hog production.

In view of the pending negotiations such a decline this year would be a calamity. It is of the greatest importance that these facts should be clearly understood by Farmers, and that they should be urged to increase the production of Hogs. This will mean feeding other Grains, especially Wheat. But in spite of the advanced price of Wheat there will still be a Profit in operation.

## INCREASE BUTTER PRODUCTION CATTLE:

Butter production in Canada during the first five months of the year increased more than 9 per cent over that of the same period in 1935. Alberta produced 6,935,000 pounds, or over ten per cent of the total for the Dominion. This amount, while a little less than that of the Province for the same months last year, was only exceeded by the production of Quebec and Ontario. For the same respective periods cheese production increased by 30 per cent in the four Provinces of Alberta, Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia.

KANSAS CITY, Kansas, Aug. 5th.

—As a result of the recent vote in this city, the municipal light and power system will be enlarged by a 2,000,000 extension.

For the past six years prices for Cattle have been more discouraging than those for any other major Farm product. The explanation is chiefly the Hawley-Smoot Tariff of 1930. This Tariff increased the Duty against Canadian Cattle from .1-1/2c per lb. to .3c per lb. Because of low prices in United States this Duty of .3c per lb. had the effect practically of excluding Canadian Cattle during the years 1931 to 1934.

As the result of the drought in 1934 there was a scarcity of finished Cattle in United States in 1935. By reason of this, prices advanced to a high level, and Canadian Cattle began to move into United States in spite of the .3c barrier.

As a result of this movement, between January and June, 1935, prices advanced more than .2c per lb. But in the latter half of the year half this advance was lost.

In November, 1935, the Trade Agreement was arranged between Canada and the United States whereby, on a limited number of Cattle, the Duty was reduced from .3c per lb. to .2c per lb. Under this Agreement the Quota assigned to Canada plus Mexico was 155,799 Cattle. Of this Quota up to July 1st Canada had shipped 111,393 Cattle. It seems certain that the Quota will be filled early in October. Thereafter for the balance of the year, the Duty on Cattle moving from Canada to United States will be .3c per lb.

In spite of the reduction in Duty, prices of Cattle are .1-1/2c per lb. lower than in 1935. The reason has been that Cattle prices in United States are .2-1/2c per lb. lower than in 1935.

This does not mean that the Canadian-American Trade Agreement has been of no value to Canada. The fact is that Canadian prices would have been probably .1c per lb. lower if the .3c rate had been in effect.

The outlook for Cattle is still not encouraging. It may be the drought conditions in United States may result in a scarcity of finished Cattle during the Spring of 1937—similar to that of 1935. In this case prices next Spring will be higher.

But the permanent solution of Canada's Cattle problem is to secure better terms from United States. Probably that Country will never again open its borders to unrestricted shipments of Canadian Cattle. A Quota seems henceforth inevitable. But the Quota should be more liberal than the present one. Canada's surplus of Cattle is about 200,000 per year, and such a Quota could easily be absorbed in United States, as it would be equivalent to only about .1% of the total Cattle marketed in that Country.

But more important still is the rate of Duty. If it is agreed that a certain number of Cattle should be shipped, it makes no difference to the American Producer what Duty, or whether any Duty is imposed. The arrangement which would best meet the Canadian requirements would be a Quota of 200,000 Cattle admitted without Duty.

It is not to be expected that the United States would make any such concession except for an adequate *quid pro quo*. But Canada is the best customer of United States, and this fact is one of the bases of the Trade Agreement. The terms sketched above are quite reasonable terms for Canada to ask. The present Agreement runs until 1938. During the interval the Canadian Government should be preparing the mind of the Washington Administration for these terms.

As in previous years, a copy of this Report will be sent to each Employee of the Company. The Directors wish to express to the Employees their sincere appreciation of the loyal and efficient service rendered the Company during the year.

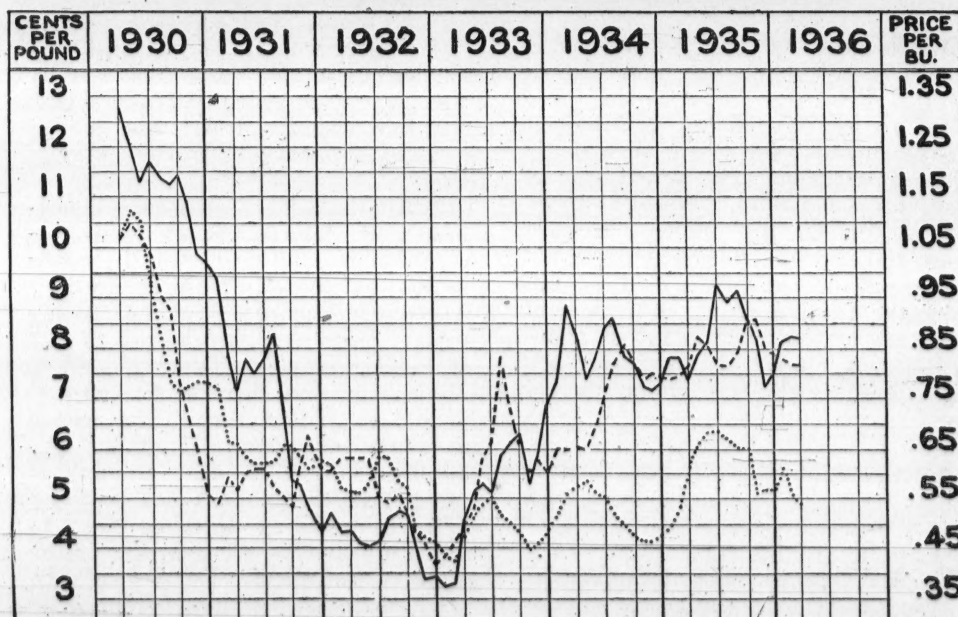
J. S. McLEAN,  
President.

Toronto, 25th July, 1936.

(Adv.)

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## SHOULD DECLARE POLICY

In view of the grave situation over large areas of the Province caused by the drought, both Dominion and Provincial Governments should declare their policies for dealing with the problem with all possible speed.

Farmer organizations in increasing numbers are demanding action; and rightly so. The Alberta Co-operative Council at its meeting late in July reported in this issue made a strong appeal for the formulating at the earliest possible moment, of a clearly defined policy. We print on the front page of this issue the letter of President Gardiner, written in behalf of the U.F.A. Executive, in which the urgent necessity of a statement of policy by the Provincial Government is stressed.

The feed situation is going to be very bad. Some better solution must be found than the shipping out of cattle or rushing them to the packing plants. We say this in full recognition of the fact that both Dominion and Provincial Governments are confronted with a multitude of difficulties, and that the Alberta Government in particular is compelled to wrestle with financial questions of the first order. But the immediate needs of the farm people whose crops have failed should and we trust will come first in all the planning of Governments until means have been found of meeting those needs.

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We suggest that the creditor classes should be called together immediately by the Provincial Government, and asked to agree to forego all interest for the current year in the most badly affected areas of the Province. If these interests would voluntarily abandon all claims for interest in such cases, the task of Governments would be simplified. A great deal of unnecessary trouble would be saved if voluntary action on the part of creditors should render the need for the most drastic legislative action unnecessary.

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But even if the creditor classes should take the course we have suggested, existing legislation will still need to be strengthened.

We are glad to associate ourselves in this matter with the Social Credit convention held in Lacombe last week, which asked, as the alternative to

the declaration of a moratorium on all farm mortgages given prior to 1932, that the Exemptions Act be extended so as to protect the mortgaged home and to include sufficient land to provide a decent standard of living for the farmer.

The convention also asked that legislation be enacted to provide that the first claim on the crop, apart from necessary charges involved in production, shall be the living necessities of the farmer and his family, including medical care.

In our own judgment, the re-enactment of the Agricultural Stabilization Act is an imperative necessity, as it would in general cover the points raised by the Social Credit Convention. The whole problem should be dealt with in a non-partizan manner, with the interests of the farm people of the Province as the primary consideration.

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## THE SPANISH REVOLT

The interests of Empires and those of democracy and freedom do not always coincide; but in the crisis occasioned by the Spanish civil war, both the French and the British Governments have the best of reasons for wishing that the Popular Front Government of Spain should defeat the rebels. They may fear what would follow, but the results of Fascist victory would bring certain peril to both Empires.

If the insurrection succeed, democratic France will be almost completely hemmed in on her land frontiers by three Fascist neighbors—Hitler's Germany, Mussolini's Italy, and a dictatorship of General Franco's Fascist party.

British Imperial interests are clearly threatened. A Fascist Spain dominated by Mussolini's influence would convert the Mediterranean into an Italian lake; and make still more serious the existing threat to Britain's communications with her Eastern empire. It would add to the prestige and increase the aggressiveness of Hitler, and bring within the range of practical politics the establishment of Fascist dominance from the Baltic to the Black sea.

The interests of Empires are, we repeat, not always the interests of the peoples of the world. But, as we have stated, upon the simplest grounds of self-interest, France first and Britain next, cannot, in this instance, unless

## THE PRESS AND THE FASCIST REVOLT

(The Nation, New York, August 1, 1936)

The lessons of the Spanish Revolt are discussed in an editorial elsewhere in this issue. There is one sidelight that is worth special attention. That is the way in which the Fascist rebellion against the democratic government of a friendly nation has been treated by the press.

Ever since the February elections the Havas News Agency has been feeding the French papers with exaggerated tales about Spanish atrocities in order to frighten the middle class vote away from the French Popular Front. The Hearst press took up the campaign in America and streamer headlines gave daily reports about the horrible acts of sacrilege perpetrated by the "Marxists." It takes no brilliant guessing to trace the connection between such reports and the Hearst attacks on the "socialist" and "godless" Mr. Roosevelt.

Even the *New York Times* printed a front-page story on June 17th about thirty-six churches which were burned within forty-eight hours when, actually, not a single such incident took place in the whole of Spain during these two days. The reporting of the rebellion itself by the American press was so extreme that if it were not dealing with such tragic material it would be funny. Every morning the Madrid Government fell afresh in the pages of the *New York American*.

Most of H. R. Knickerbocker's reports which were featured by our yellow press came from the rebel headquarters, while the official Government dispatches from Madrid were buried on the inside pages and treated as dubious rumors. As soon as a garrison of soldiers declared itself in a state of rebellion, even our respectable newspapers and press associations announced whole provinces as having gone over to the rebels. We have rarely seen a more revealing example of wishful thinking.

they are to face the prospect of sinking to the position of second class powers in a not distant future—or fighting—regard without apprehension the possibility of a Fascist Government being set up in Spain.

There are other and deeper issues involved—issues which concern the whole future of mankind on this planet—but at the moment it happens that the interests of the French Government and those of the British Government as the guardian of British capitalist Imperialism, coincide with those of democracy.

They have a common interest, therefore, in seeking to prevent participation—if it has not already taken place—by Italian and German Fascist states in the arming of the rebels. There would seem to be good reason for the belief that without foreign aid—open or disguised—revolt against the Popular Front Government of Spain could not have proved formidable.

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Elsewhere we publish the editorial comment of the *New York Nation* on the reporting of the news of the Spanish insurrection.

The Canadian Press reports have not been open to this severe criticism; and A. C. Cummings, the correspondent of the *Southern* newspapers in London, can be depended on to deal with the reactions of British opinion objectively and fairly.



## Alberta Legislation and the Alberta Farmer

By Hon. J. E. BROWNLEE, K. C., LL.D.

### SIXTH ARTICLE

#### The Drought and Debt Legislation

It seems now that we must reconcile ourselves to the fact that this has been another disastrous crop year. The latest reports from Ottawa indicate that Western Canada's crop is away below normal. Alberta has not escaped. In many parts there has been almost a total failure, in some parts there is a light crop while the best reports are but fair excepting in a few places in the north.

The result is bound to create a number of very difficult problems the solution of which call for the united effort of all leaders in our political life today. Probably the most serious problem to be faced this fall apart from the feed problem is the extent to which the debt situation throughout the Province will be intensified and made all the more difficult of solution, and certainly it was already difficult enough without the addition of another year's unpaid interest and the added commitments of this past year for seed, feed, repairs and necessities of life which cannot now be met.

This article is not intended as any comprehensive discussion of the policies which may be necessary to cope with the situation. There are, however, two or three items of legislation which if given early consideration may avoid considerable hardship.

#### 1. The Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act.

This is the only legislation now available under which debts can be reduced. The need for reduction is more imperative than ever. Many of our best farmers will now face a burden of accumulated debt that simply cannot be met. Every effort should be made to acquaint the farmers with this legislation and to assist those who would benefit by it to get their applications before the Official Receivers under the act.

During the past year hundreds of cases have been dealt with by the Board of Review and proposals made on the expectation of at least a fair crop.

The majority of these proposals cannot now be met, through no fault of the debtor. Is all the work of the Board for the past year to be in vain? Either the Board should be empowered to review these proposals with or without a hearing or the debtors should be enabled to make a new application.

The farmers' organizations in the Western Provinces should take immediate steps to have this question reviewed by the Governments.

One Board in each Province has not been able to keep up with the applications in the past two years. Much less can one Board do it now. There should be at least two Boards, one for the north and one for the south.

#### 2. The Debt Adjustment Act.

I personally feel that the Provincial Board under this act has done most excellent work since it was first organized. It is imperative, however, that the situation in the Province should be most carefully studied in order that its general policies this year may be considered adequate. The officials of the Department of Agriculture should work closely with the Board in marking out the areas of the Province where the crop shortage is most acute. In some areas the practice of the Board should amount to practically a moratorium, while in others generous allowances should be made by way of exemptions to enable the farmer to carry on for another year. Although the Agricultural Stabilization Act was repealed last session

its main features should be carried into effect in actual practice by the Board over a large area of the Province.

#### 3. The Crop Payment Act.

Under this act the Government is empowered to mark off certain areas in the Province and by Order-in-Council reduce the share which can be secured under a mortgage, agreement for sale or lease, below the one-third share which is otherwise provided in the act. Excepting in the northern and central parts of the Province it is very doubtful if more than a quarter share can be reasonably be given by any farmer. Serious consideration should be given before the harvest is on us to the delineation of the worst areas of the Province and the maximum share that can be claimed in those areas.

To a very great extent the anxiety of our people may be allayed by the steps that are taken under these three important acts. Co-operative effort on the part of Departments of Government and all organizations interested in agricultural welfare can do much to ameliorate suffering and hardship in the dried-out areas.

## CARRY OVER ONLY ABOUT HALF THAT OF RECENT YEARS

Glut of Wheat on World Markets Now Appears on Eve of Extinction

### WEST'S CATTLE PROBLEM

#### Four Proposals Now Under Consideration by Government at Ottawa

By WILFRID EGGLESTON  
Special to *The Western Farm Leader*  
OTTAWA, August 5th.—Canada entered the new crop year (August 1st) with wheat stocks unofficially estimated at 120 million bushels. Of this about seven million bushels is believed to be still on the farms. The total is not much more than half that of recent years, the average carryover for the preceding three years being well over 200 million bushels.

The ideal Canadian carryover is set by grain authorities as about fifty or fifty-five million bushels, this providing for the needs of export while the new crop is being moved forward to a position where it can be shipped abroad. But with a very light 1936 harvest the authorities here expect that by July 31st, 1937, the carry-over will be down to normal again, and there is no anxiety about the fact that this year's carryover is still double the normal desirable carryover.

#### Glut Nears Extinction

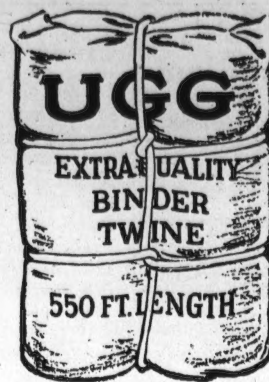
The glut which for seven years has depressed markets appears now to be on the eve of extinction. The prospects are that a reasonably good price will prevail during the current crop year, and that in the event of a heavy harvest looming up next year, it can be handled without fear of a disastrous break in the market. For several years, due to the curious paradox of the present system, it has been difficult at times to judge which would be the more unfortunate for the western wheat grower, a crop failure or a "bumper" harvest, the latter threatening to drive prices down to the vanishing point.

#### Cattle in Drought Areas

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bers being overseas or on holiday elsewhere—has been grappling with the problem of looking after cattle in those areas of the west where feed is inadequate. Four proposals have been considered: 1. The destruction of the "culls" in all herds, with the Government paying compensation; 2. Processing of the canners and thin animals of all types, to be assisted by the packers, and losses guaranteed by the Federal Government; 3. The movement of feed from places where it is plentiful to others where it is scarce; and 4. The movement of cattle from the drought-stricken areas to others where pasture and feed are adequate to take care of them.

The first of these has been tentatively ruled out, the Federal Government being opposed to the destruction of cattle along the lines used in the United States. It is likely that all the other three will be employed to some extent. The big packing houses have offered to co-operate in processing and selling the thin cattle which are not worth carrying through the winter and which are not ready for marketing in the usual channels. But their capacity is said to be limited to 100,000 head, and with 700,000 reported needing special attention in Alberta, and others in Saskatchewan, this would only take care of a small part of the problem.

Available supplies of feed are being canvassed. Rains at once would still aid materially in the late feed situation, and it will be three or four weeks before the magnitude of the problem can be fully appraised.

#### Problem of Shelter

Ontario and the Maritimes have feed and pasture for large numbers of feeder cattle, but the problem of shelter stands out as an obstacle in some cases. Many farmers in the East have enough feed to carry some extra cattle through the winter; but many of these have no additional shelter.

The National Employment, Com-

### Woodsworth Re-elected

TORONTO, August 5th.—J. S. Woodsworth was re-elected chairman of the C.C.F. at the fourth annual national convention which opened here on Monday. Four other nominees, William Irvine, E. J. Garland, M. J. Coldwell and G. H. Williams, withdrew.

West and southwest of Calgary lightning started two new forest fires, high in the mountains, near the headwaters of Trapp Creek and Galatea Creek, it was reported on Wednesday.

### ETHIOPIANS ADVANCING

PORT SAID, Egypt, Aug. 5th.—Ethiopian troops, numbering 40,000, under Ras Imru, are reported to be advancing on Dessye and Addis Ababa from the West.

EDMONTON, Aug. 5th.—Dr. W. S. Hall, Social Credit M.P., stated that he had received a letter from Major Douglas promising to come to Alberta "when Premier Aberhart has failed."

Over 86 per cent of the Canadian cattle quota had been shipped into the U.S. up to July 18th.

mission is dealing with some phases of the western relief situation. A study is going to be made of those areas where crops have failed year after year, and some mass movement of farmers from the semi-arid pockets to regions where drought is not such a serious factor may be necessary.

There are unsubstantiated reports that Hon. W. D. Euler negotiated an agreement with the Soviet Government whereby an exchange of cattle for other commodities will be effected. This has been unofficially discussed several times in the past but nothing ever came of it.



## FARM PEOPLE HOLD SUCCESSFUL SUMMER CONVENTIONS

### Finely Tolerant Spirit Shown at Peace River

Support for "Western Farm Leader" Urged Upon Farm People of North

"A fine spirit, a tolerant observance of present-day confusion, and evidence that those present were satisfied that the U.F.A. is still very much alive, with its roots still deep and strong, though somewhat stripped of its foliage," were features of the Annual Convention of the Peace River U.F.A. Federal Constituency Association held at Rycroft at the end of July, writes William Rigby, secretary, in a report to *The Western Farm Leader*.

"The discussions were of a high order, sensible and rational, and there was no thought of the U.F.A. giving up its status as the leader of agricultural and rural thought and activity. To build up the co-operative idea and sentiment in all things was shown to be most desirable.

"Loyalty and support for *The Western Farm Leader* as successor to *The United Farmer* was asked by the secretary. A very pleasant social gathering at supper in the hotel was enjoyed during the evening by thirty to forty delegates and visitors."

Owing to many local activities, such as picnics, sports, field days, not

### President to Address Series of Rallies

Commencing in September President Robert Gardiner will be available to address a series of district rallies. It is intended that these rallies shall cover a large part of the Province.

Officers of the U.F.A. who wish to make arrangements for the holding of these rallies should get into touch with Central Office in Calgary at the earliest date; in order that plans may be made for Mr. Gardiner's itinerary.

forgetting circuses, together with prevalent scattered thunder showers, which made roads treacherous, the attendance was not as large as more favorable circumstances would have insured.

Officers elected were: President, Hugh W. Allen, Wembley; vice-president, W. H. Bailey, Fairview; Secretary-treasurer, William Rigby, Wembley; and directors, one for each Provincial district, Grouard, Mrs. A. Girouard, Dreau; Peace River, H. C. Lattan, Fairview; Spirit River, W. Mueller, Spirit River; Grande Prairie, C. F. Hopkins, Wembley.

### H. W. Wood Stresses New Social Order

"Farmers Who Stand by U.F.A. Principles Doing More Than All Others"

One of the finest conventions ever held by the Didsbury Constituency took place July 30th at the farm home of H. W. Wood near Carstairs, writes Mrs. Cora F. Kerns, secretary.

In a brief welcome, the veteran of the United Farmers expressed great pleasure at seeing the interest still being taken by those trying to build a new social structure.

Dr. Wood stressed the importance of our movement, saying: "Farmers of Alberta who still stand by U.F.A. principles will do more to bring about right social conditions than all the other farmers in this Province. I am well pleased to see so many still standing by the Organization."

N. McCrimmon of Carstairs acted as Chairman of the meeting.

Officers elected were: President, W. J. Scheidt, Didsbury; vice-President, Mrs. H. W. Wood, Carstairs; Directors-at-large, R. McNaughton, Didsbury; J. P. Rock, Morrin; Sec'y-Treas., Cora J. Kerns, Acme; Directors: F. King, Ghost Pine, Mrs. Roy Bell, Carbon; Wm. Burns and Mrs. Cameron, Three Hills; Ray Wood, Carstairs; Mrs. J. Spaulding, Carstairs; and J. McDougall and Mrs. R. McNaughton, Didsbury.

### Tax Burdens

A. B. Claypool, who had been asked to speak on financial conditions of farmers compared to a year ago, showed how the tax burden on the farmers of Alberta had been raised over three million dollars through the increased mill rate, sales tax, driver's licenses, etc. He then pointed out the reduction in health and social services from a year previous. As seven-eighths of this constituency had been badly haled, seed and feed relief would be of vital importance, and, owing to the ruinous condition of Provincial credit, municipalities would have to shoulder the burden unaided, he thought.

Mrs. Price spoke for a few minutes and was enthusiastically received. The speaker of the day, our Vice-president, Norman Priestley, had been assigned the topic: "The Agricultural Prospects of the Average Farmer in this Province." He discussed the farmer as a Producer, as a marketer of his products, his need of a different system of credit and his position as a Debtor. The outlook generally was not very optimistic and furnished one of the greatest political and social problems in Alberta.

Picnic lunch was served both at noon and evening in the grove. Many old-timers of long standing were present and a great day of social and educational value thoroughly enjoyed.

The Convention asked that the Wheat Board be retained and a minimum price of \$1 a bushel set for this year's crop. The Provincial Government was asked to allow all mutual telephone companies one year's grace for the payment of principal and interest, with special consideration for companies in the districts most hard hit by drought or hail.

### Ask for \$1.50 Minimum

Charles L. Watson of Pembina U.F.A. Constituency Assn., writes that the pegging of wheat at \$1.50 was urged by the recent convention, not \$1.00 as reported in our last issue.

A police investigation is being made into a series of seven fires recently started along 101st St., Edmonton, north of Jasper.

### Ask Two Boards of Review for Alberta

Setting up a second Board of Review for Alberta, in order that one board may function in the southern and one in the northern half of the Province, and extension of powers of these Boards to revise settlements already made, was urged by the U.F.A. Executive in a resolution adopted last week. Appreciation of the work which has been done by the single Board now dealing with all cases under the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act, was expressed.

### Urge Relief Plans for Drought Area

Acadia Provincial Convention Also Urges Adoption of William Pearce Scheme

Dominion and Provincial Governments were urged by the Acadia U.F.A. Provincial Constituency Convention, held in July, to take immediate steps to relieve the distress which threatens in the drought-affected areas by arranging provision for food, clothing and shelter and other necessities of life; feed for necessary livestock; coal; necessary medical and hospital care; adequate assistance to maintain schools; free freight facilities for feed and livestock, and such other assistance as may be necessary. More than 200 delegates and visitors attended, 17 Locals being represented.

The Convention also urged the Alberta Government to re-enact the Agricultural Stabilization Act, which was repealed last session. It exempted from seizure by any execution creditor sufficient of a farmer's returns from his crop or sale of livestock to provide for the needs of his family, including medical care, as well as for farming operations for the next year's crop.

Action by the Dominion Government to make settlement in the area in which the constituency is included more permanent by community settlements and irrigation in accordance with the William Pearce scheme which provided for the building of dams and reservoirs, was requested.

### To Make Summerfallowing Possible

The Provincial Government was asked to provide at once the necessary grain and fuel oils for summerfallowing to be carried on. The working out of plans to assist settlers to move to other districts where they found it desirable was called for in another resolution.

Carried on under the chairmanship of President Bergh, who appealed to all farm people to get behind their organization, the Convention had the pleasure of hearing from a number of leading men and women in the movement, including President Robert Gardiner who urged the farmers not to be discouraged and pointed out that the power of their organization and ideals was the only one left to them and should be carefully guarded and used intelligently, all small differences being sunk to this end.

Henry E. Spencer, speaking on the history of the financial policy of the U.F.A., from 1920 to 1936, described the many real gains obtained for the farmers through the untiring efforts of the U.F.A. group in Parliament. Among other speakers were Mrs. Mary Banner, U.F.W.A. Director, Mrs. H. Zella Spencer, Ronald Fraser, Junior U.F.A. Director, Lorne Proudfoot and J. K. Sutherland, who received an ovation when he rose to speak, which plainly showed how delighted the delegates were to have him in their midst after so long an illness.

Officers elected were: President, J. E. Bergh, Cereal; vice-president, Mrs. O. Michaels; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. C. A. Bishop; Directors: Mrs. J. Young, Bindloss; J. Frey, Arneson;

## "CARRY ON!"

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## ALBERTA POOL ELEVATORS



## Enthusiastic Rally Is Held at Stavely

**Macleod Federal Rally Asks Wheat  
Board, Stabilized Price—  
Protests Tax Increases**

By Mrs. W. J. HARPER, Secretary

Upwards of 150 U.F.A. enthusiasts gathered at the Stavely picnic grounds for the annual three-day rally of the Macleod U.F.A. Federal Constituency Association. Dancing in the pavilion, to music provided by Bill Noble's orchestra, and swimming were enjoyed between business sessions.

Continuance of the Wheat Board by the Federal Government and a stabilized wheat price commensurate with the commodity prices the farmer has to pay, and release of the men imprisoned in connection with the unemployed trek to Regina were urged upon the Federal Government in resolutions adopted.

The Convention also adopted resolutions protesting against "the special privileges granted to some of the larger corporations" by the Provincial Government in regard to sales tax exemptions and against the new taxes imposed in Alberta on an "already overburdened people"; and the Government was asked to lower the driver's license fee to its former amount. The patronage system in the Provincial appointments was deplored, and it was urged that all Government appointments be made by a non-political commission. W. J. Harper, president, was convention chairman.

### Junior Day

The first day was Junior Day, with Miss Nora Wainwright, Junior Director, in charge. Reports were read by delegates from the various groups; and it was decided to study the Bill of Rights passed by the Canadian Youth Congress at Toronto, and vote on the various clauses at a future meeting. Miss Frances Monner, Max Malchow and Miss Annette Christofferson were adjudged first, second and third in a public speaking contest.

Mrs. R. Price, President of the U.F.W.A., on the second day spoke on "Economics as They Affect the Home" and "International Relationships." She voiced the hope of all enlightened motherhood that if and when another war comes Canada may deal wisely with the situation and not send her youth as cannon fodder to the battlefields of Europe.

Showing that 1,321 million dollars had been spent by France, 754 millions by Germany, 125 millions by Great Britain, 1,286 millions by Italy, and large sums by other countries, for the purpose of stabilizing agriculture, W. Norman Smith, editor of *The Western Farm Leader*, said that when such huge sums had been spent for the farmers of other countries, Canadian farmers need not feel apologetic when asking for a stabilized wheat price. He urged the membership strongly to support all co-operative endeavor. With a combined membership of 93 millions this great movement was rooted in the simple needs of the producers and consumers of the world.

Mr. Smith was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, and extended best wishes in his new venture as editor of *The Western Farm Leader*.

### To Build New Structure

William Irvine, C.C.F. organizer for Alberta and President of the newly formed Alberta Club section of the C.C.F., in his usual brilliant and witty manner outlined the reasons for the economic collapse, and showed that these reasons were inherent in the capitalistic system. He explained the philosophy of the C.C.F. and showed how it proposed to build up a new social order. The C.C.F., said

D. Warwick, Oyen; W. Byler, Oyen; Mrs. M. Hille, Cereal; J. Cameron, Wastina; R. Johnston, Helmsdale; W. Allen, Heathdale.

## Juniors at Olds Gathering

Among the two hundred young people who gathered at Olds for the annual Agricultural College student reunion were many members of the Junior U.F.A. Supper was served on the lawn, and a ball game on the campus in the early evening was followed by a dance, music provided by the 1936 O.S.A. orchestra. At the Alumni Association meeting in the afternoon Messrs. James Murray and F. S. Grisdale were elected honorary presidents; P. D. Hargrave, Brooks, president; Bertha Jorgenson, Drumheller, and Geo. H. Fyfe, Okotoks, vice-presidents, and A. T. Kemp, secretary. The directors are C. Yauch, Mrs. R. Wood, T. Sigurdson and K. Anderson.

## Farm People Rally at Gooseberry Lake

**Over 2500 Persons Attend Four-  
day Sessions—Sports, Busi-  
ness Sessions, Addresses**

GOOSEBERRY LAKE, Aug. 1st.—Gooseberry Lake, 8 miles north of Consort, was again the scene of a successful rallying of U.F.A. people and farmers generally from all points of that area. Crops are poor and in many parts of the district non-existent but the spirit of the people, particularly of the many hundreds of young men and women, is wonderful.

Among high lights of the four-day convention were the business sessions of the Co-operative Association, presided over by M. McCrae, of Federal, at which the report of the board was presented by the manager, Chas. A. Fawcett, of Consort, showing a volume turnover of farm supplies of some \$31,000.00.

Hon. J. E. Brownlee, K.C., was given a fine hearing by a crowd which overflowed the pavilion on Friday afternoon. He pleaded for unity and tolerance in what he regarded as a crisis of first magnitude.

G. L. MacLachlan, M.L.A., Social Credit member for the constituency, was given an attentive and courteous hearing. Geo. N. Johnston presided. The address which was interrupted by the first shower in many weeks gave an outline of what the member regarded as definite steps towards Social Credit. He said the Social Credit Measures Act was now in operation. "Get behind this thing," he urged, "or at least if you don't get behind it don't get in front of it or it will run over you." In the course of the question period he answered a statement of C. C. Wager, U.F.A. candidate in the 1935 Provincial election.

J. K. Sutherland, U.F.A. director for Acadia, dealt, on request, with his proposal made recently through the press that there should be a merging of the United Grain Growers and the Alberta Wheat Pool.

Sunday afternoon saw the pavilion

Mr. Irvine, was not concerned with the patching up of the collapsing house of capitalism but rather with the building of a new structure, using only the soundest of scientific plans and material.

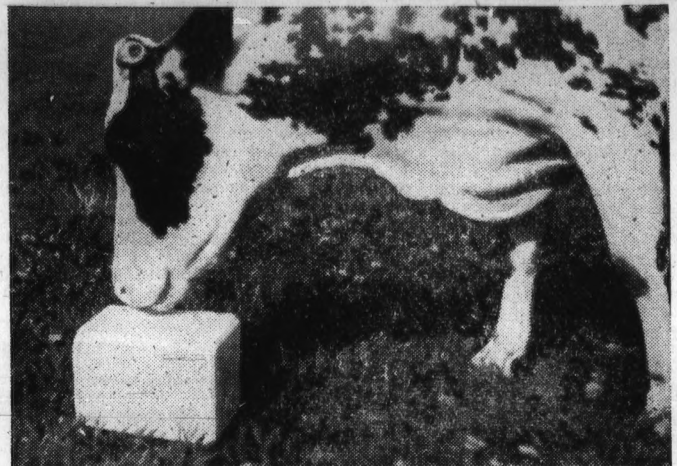
Mr. Irvine's address was very well received, and at the conclusion of the meeting a quantity of literature from his pen was sold to interested listeners.

### M.L.A. Speaks

H. O. Haslam, K.C., M.L.A., spoke of the depressing crop situation throughout the southern part of Western Canada. He assured the audience that matters were so desperate that old people and children would perish through lack of food during the coming winter. He declared that our experience of drought bore out the findings of the Palliser report based on a survey made from 1857-60.

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again full to capacity when under the chairmanship of Chas. A. Fawcett, re-elected president of the constituency association, Norman F. Priestley, U.F.A. vice-president, gave an address on Christianity and Co-operation. Mr. Priestley dealt with the two outstanding features of civilization—organized religion and trade, the church and the market place. Outlining the rise and development of the co-operative system he expounded the idea that as in the case of Kagawa of Japan people were in possession of an economic method which would make possible the living of Christ's Golden Rule.

Among social events of the four days was the Junior U.F.A. pageant on the beach on Friday evening, entitled "The March of Time", followed by the dance in the pavilion and the sing-song of Sunday evening in which the three Anderson sisters of Monitor sang and played and many others contributed songs with Mrs. Fleming at the piano.

It was estimated that at least 2500 people were in attendance.

eugenics, Mr. Haslam went on to deal with the taxing of interest. It could legally be taxed by the Provincial Government, he said, and he would have the banks and financial houses contribute heavily. If they chose to leave the Province they could go right ahead and leave.

### Cameron on Crop Insurance

The vital question of crop insurance was dealt with by Donald Cameron, M.Sc., Agricultural Secretary of the Department of Extension of the University of Alberta, who has since been appointed successor of Mr. Corbett as head of the Extension Department. It is impossible in this brief report to summarize even the essential points of this excellent survey. Interested persons are asked to see the July 17th issue of *The Western Farm Leader* or to write direct to the Department of Extension, University of Alberta, for a copy.

At the close of his address a resolution was adopted asking the Provincial Government to stop the movement of fodder and grain from the drought areas, as a preliminary towards solving the coming feed problem.

The rally was officially closed by singing the national anthem. Plans are already under way for next year's event, which will no doubt be even better than the one recently concluded. The committee in charge wishes to extend their sincere thanks to the Stavely Picnic Grounds committee for the use of the grounds, and to Mr. Johnson, owner of the pavilion, for his generosity in allowing it to be used for afternoon and evening meetings.

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# Current News from Near and Far

## PROVINCIAL

Walter Hoare of Ponoka was instantly killed when his tractor overturned on a hillside.

There will probably be a fall session of the Legislature, said Premier Aberhart in Edmonton on Tuesday.

The Government will accept stamped scrip in payment of sales tax, said Hon. E. C. Manning in Edmonton on Monday.

Paul N. Huntley, 18-year-old Calgary boy, was killed in making his first parachute jump at the Calgary airport.

Justice W. R. Howson, former leader of the Liberal party in Alberta, is reported to be recovering from a serious illness.

Drought conditions might delay the Government in fulfilling its election pledges, stated Premier Aberhart in Vermilion last week.

Hon. W. M. Chant left Edmonton Saturday night for Ottawa to seek aid for the Province in dealing with the drought problem.

Rev. H. M. Horricks was re-elected president of the Alberta School of Religion at Morley, at the conclusion of a two-weeks' session.

Federation of all progressive bodies was urged in a resolution by the Provincial convention of Communists in Calgary on Saturday.

Don. B. MacKenzie, St. Paul, and Lionel T. Westlake, Taber, have been appointed receivers under the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act.

The body of Yuen Perk, 53-year-old Chinaman, was found in the Bow River last week. His friends said he had been destitute and despondent.

J. C. Jonason, B.A., Camrose, Munroe Macleod, M.A., Canmore, and C. M. Laverty, B.A., Lacombe, have been appointed School Inspectors.

Old Country holders of Alberta bonds are being advised by their organization to refuse payment of interest at less than contracted rates.

Forest fires in the foothills and mountains, after raging for about three weeks in spite of the efforts of hundreds of firefighters, are being driven back on themselves by easterly winds.

Interpreting the clause in the Government's "covenant" with farmer-producers "The farmer agrees to sell up to 50 per cent of his products for Alberta credit," Hon. E. C. Manning said in Edmonton on Monday that this did not mean that the Government would buy the products.

J. A. Hutchison has been appointed game warden of the Province, in place of Stanley H. Clark, dismissed earlier in the year by Hon. W. N. Chant.

Showers in the Lethbridge district on Monday broke a drought of 20 days. Heavy rains fell over a large area in central Alberta last Thursday night.

Following an all-night party in Elk Point, John Fitzsimmons was killed and Jeremiah Cardinal wounded, shot by Jimmy Chiskum, Indian half-breed, it is reported.

Other citizens besides members of the Social Credit party would be eligible for dividends on signing the Government's "covenant," declared Hon. E. C. Manning in Edmonton on Sunday.

Asking that a moratorium be declared on all mortgages on Alberta farm lands dating back to 1932 or earlier, a resolution was passed at a Social Credit convention held at Lacombe last week.

A Social Credit party under the leadership of Major Douglas, in opposition to that led by Premier Aberhart, is in process of formation in the Province, according to Fred R. Whitby, Social Credit organizer in Edmonton.

Urging that the Federal Government supply feeds for livestock to farmers and ranchers in the drought areas of the Province at a nominal price, a resolution was passed by a conference of Liberals at Red Deer on Saturday.

The swastika, emblem of the Nazi regime in Germany, was very much in evidence at the German-Canadian picnic in Edmonton. Mayor Clarke's refusal of permission for the display of the Nazi flags was over-ruled by Attorney-General Hugill.

Discontinuance of grading work on the Edmonton-Jasper highway was caused by shortage of funds, said Hon. W. A. Fallow on Saturday, and not because the men had refused to take scrip in payment of their wages, as had been reported.

A meeting called by a social credit group in Edmonton, and attended by 150, voted confidence in S. A. G. Barnes, M.L.A. Mr. Barnes, who had protested against the Government's methods of organizing applications for dividends, had been read out of the party.

Premier Aberhart refused the request of Calgary City Council that \$30,000 worth of stamped scrip be issued within the constituency for public works. The City previously turned down the offer of \$85,000 monthly in scrip in lieu of the relief grant of \$70,000 in cash.

A \$60,000 fire made havoc in the business section of Okotoks early in the morning of July 23rd.

"Alberta credit" referred to in registration forms issued by the Provincial Government does not refer to stamped scrip, said Hon. E. C. Manning in Edmonton last week.

## DOMINION

Hon. Robert Rogers, known throughout Canada in the nineties as Conservative organizer in Manitoba, and a member of the Borden Cabinet, died recently at the age of 72.

Well over 50,000 more Canadians were working in July this year than in the same month last year, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the relative figures being 987,555 and 934,262.

Present membership of the U.F.C., Saskatchewan section, is 27,000, according to reports presented at the annual convention in Saskatoon in July. G. R. Bickerton was re-elected president.

Preparations are being continued for experimental flights looking to the establishment of regular trans-Atlantic air service, by an Anglo-Canadian-Irish Free State company, states an Ottawa despatch.

Supporters of the Bracken Government in Manitoba (Liberal-Progressive) secured 22 seats in the recent election; Conservatives 16; C.C.F. 6; Social Credit 5; Independents 3; and Communists 1. Elections are deferred in 2 constituencies.

J. S. Woodsworth, M.P., opened the three-day annual national convention of the C.C.F. in Toronto on Monday. E. J. Garland, national organizer, was elected chairman. Robert Gardiner and William Irvine, members of the National Council, are attending.

Running as an independent and an avowed Socialist, L. St. G. Stubbs polled 24,805 of the 79,000-odd votes cast in Winnipeg in the recent Manitoba election. His nearest opponent—a Communist—secured 5,864 votes. Mr. Stubbs was deprived of his judgeship several years ago following outspoken comments on some of the cases coming before him, and was C.C.F. candidate in Assiniboia three years ago. Of his surplus of 17,000 votes, over 10,000 went to C.C.F. and Communist candidates.

## WORLD

Plans are being made for the next International Co-operative Congress which will be held in Paris in 1937.

The state of California will vote this summer on the proposal to substitute a land value tax for the existing sales tax.

Ethiopian troops are reported to be engaging the Italian conquerors near Addis Ababa, which is surrounded, it is reported.

Twenty-three American oil companies have been indicted by a Federal grand jury for violations of the Sherman Anti-Trust law.

Construction of two new battleships will be commenced in January next, announced Sir Samuel Hoare in the British House of Commons.

Labor gains and Fascist losses resulted from the July general elections in Finland. However, as the leftists have only about 80 seats of the 200, the government will probably be a coalition of centre groups.

## Whole Membership Now Subscribers

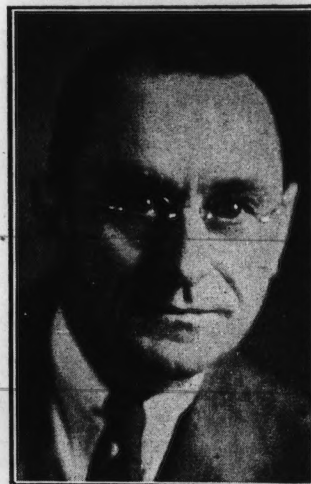
Thirty-five Members of Cereal U.F.A. Local Subscribe to Leader

Thirty-five members of Cereal U.F.A. Local—the whole of the membership of the Local—became subscribers to *The Western Farm Leader* by action of a recent meeting.

The Local has been one of the most active and successful in the Province in co-operative buying, and an important factor in the building up of the Acadia U.F.A. Co-operative. Its members directed that a credit due to the Local at the Central Office in Calgary be transferred to *The Western Farm Leader* to put all its members in good standing as subscribers. George A. McDonald is secretary.

Other Locals which have recently sent in subscriptions, with the names of secretaries, are as follows: White-wood U.F.A., Silverwood, George Campbell; Crossfield U.F.A., J. R. Laut; Morrin U.F.A., P. H. Oliver; Clairmont Lake U.F.A., M. G. Gudlaugson; Rocky Coulee U.F.A., Nobleford, E. Brown; Fairview U.F.A., Innisfail, R. J. Crispin.

## Directs Adult Education



E. A. Corbett, who has been appointed Director of Adult Education for Canada.

Plans for nationalization of the manufacture of war munitions are being worked out by the new French Government.

Louis Bleriot, who startled the world by flying across the British Channel in 1909, died in Paris on Saturday night, aged 64.

Six coal miners at Dequoin, Illinois, sacrificed their lives in a vain effort to rescue three companions who were overcome by carbon monoxide in a gas pocket.

Removal of trade restrictions is vital to economic welfare of Europe, declared C. S. Visok, representative of a British importing and exporting firm, passing through Calgary on his return from a business trip to the Orient.

Appearing at the Duke of Gloucester's garden party for 8,000 Canadians now in the old country on the Vimy pilgrimage, King Edward was surrounded by such a dense crowd that a bodyguard of detectives had to force a path for him.

George Andrew MacMahon, who in his own words "slithered" a revolver at King Edward during a procession through London three weeks ago, was committed to trial on three charges of producing a revolver with intent to break the public peace, to alarm His Majesty, and to endanger life.



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## The Life Story of Toyohiko Kagawa

By HELEN TOPPING

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In the last chapter the author described the manner in which the Government of Japan, following the great earthquake, changed its attitude towards Kagawa from one of persecution and sought and obtained his help in the tasks of social as well as physical rebuilding.

### CHAPTER VIII

After that came the time when, in a similar series of meetings in Osaka, another 5,000 gathered, and later the Protestant churches realized that this young pastor who was doing so many extraordinary things among the poor was really the evangelistic leader they needed for all Japan. They asked him to organize them in what you have read of in American church journals as "The Kingdom of God Movement." He promised to give his full time for the next three years to doing so, from 1930 onward.

Kagawa's definition of the Kingdom of God Movement, however, includes all these forms of organizing—the organizing of laborers and farmers and social workers, as well as pastors. The latter was only one section of his total program for the Kingdom of God Movement. It is interesting to note that in Japan one man has actually organized all four of these significant leadership groups in society. It is probably a unique story, and it gives hope for solidarity and achievement in the future. Kagawa is only forty-six now, and there is much more to be expected from his leadership. His whole movement is in fact a youth movement. In five years of this Kingdom of God Movement, up to the end of 1933, there were 65,000 cards of decision handed into Kagawa's hands through the ushers in his own meetings, not counting those of the more than forty other evangelists or lecturers on the official lists of the Kingdom of God Movement.

An amusing incident occurred at the outset of this crusade. The pastors understood that Kagawa had promised them his full time for the next three years. I was present at one committee meeting of the central executive committee in Tokyo when one of its members rushed in bearing a newspaper with Kagawa's picture in it, and a long article telling about how he had now been made head of the Social Bureau of Tokyo. "He has broken his promise to us," this pastor cried. "He's gone off and forgotten."

Kagawa himself was away at the moment on evangelistic work in the interior, but he came back to the next committee meeting and explained that he had not deserted the pastors. He believed in practicing what he preached, he said, and he had now been preaching on a nation-wide scale for some time, and he didn't have the face to go ahead and preach to the Japanese people on a still wider scale without practicing in a commensurate way.

The incoming Mayor of Tokyo, a very socially minded man, Horikiri by name, had sent for him, I think, and said that he could not carry on as Mayor and do the things he wanted to accomplish unless Kagawa would become head of the Social Bureau, and he had offered him a big salary of 18,000 yen a year with emoluments. (In purchasing power a yen is about equal to a dollar, although in actual exchange it is only about 28 cents.)

Kagawa had considered a while and then had said to the Mayor: "I'll accept the job on two conditions—first, that you don't make me take the money, and second that you obey me." The Mayor had accepted his conditions, and Kagawa had taken the job. While he bore this tremendous civic responsibility he spent ten days a month of office time, from nine in the morning to five in the evening, in the Social Bureau. The evenings of those ten days he spent in preaching in the 268 churches in the Tokyo

region. There were more churches there than in any other part of Japan and they needed a great deal of attention. The other twenty days he was all over the country on his evangelistic program. At the end of four years of it 65,000 converts had been gathered in, because, as Kagawa says, "Christianity is common sense in Japan now. The Japanese like to see practice go along with preaching."

(Next Chapter: Kagawa succeeds in campaign for manhood suffrage and supports woman's suffrage. He reads the story of the Rochdale pioneers and applies their ideas in co-operation.)

## Correspondence

*The editor welcomes correspondence from readers on the issues of the day, particularly on subjects of practical importance to the farm people. The writer of every letter will be fully responsible for opinions expressed, which may or may not be those of the editor, and it is hoped that various points of view will be represented. Owing to the fact that this issue is largely devoted to farmers' summer conventions, some important letters are held over. We hope to publish these in our next issue.*

### A VIEW FROM EUROPE

Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*:

May I be allowed through your columns to express the views upon two questions of the day of a former Alberta farmer now living in Europe. Canada will have to change its ways before things can improve to any extent over there. Europe is becoming more and more self-supporting, so far as the production of food is concerned. Who is going to buy the hundreds of millions of bushels of grain grown in North America, particularly in Canada, which grows chiefly for export?

Secondly, I trust that the people of Canada will not be so insane as to combine the C.P.R. and the C.N.R. and set the combined enterprise upon the necks of the taxpayers.

Yours sincerely,

PAUL H. KALNIN,

Riga, Latvia.

### NEED STRONG ORGANIZATION

Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*:

Practically every farmer in the southern end of the Province and particularly those existing as I do in the dry belt, now knows that his crop is doomed and gone—at least that part of his worries and his uncertainty is over. We are now certain that we will have no return for our two years of work and sweat, first, summerfallowing last year, and this year the frantic rush of putting in the crop.

### A Hectic Season

What a hectic season it has been! First, the long, terribly cold winter, 40 to 50 below, snow banks, blocked roads, horses getting thin, and feed, which was getting scarce, to haul long distances. But optimistically we grinned and smiled and said—A long tough winter, a good wet summer. O.K., eh! Then along comes the repeal of the Agricultural Stabilization Act by the Provincial Government and presto! a whole lot of our debt protection is gone. Bang, and along comes the fuel oil tax, the sales tax, the social service tax and a few other annoyances.

Oh, well, we were getting nice showers in the spring, we got up another hour earlier and tried to rush the crop in. We got another shower and we put in an extra hour at night. A few of the youngest among us put lights on the tractor and kept at it all night. The Pool payment came along but alas, thousands of us had no crop in 1930, so again we whiteched up our belts and went at it harder than ever. We got the crop in and it rained again. Bang, another volley, the Provincial Government cut off relief fuel oil and we sighed as we drove the tractor in the corner of the farmyard as it gave its last dismal wheeze—no more juice.

We perked up again as we got another horse outfit lined up and they told us that minimum-price of wheat was to be taken away and maybe no Wheat Board. There was going to be a whale of a crop, lots of wheat and Jim Murray was sweating bucketfuls trying to shovel off our 1935 wheat onto the people across the water who somehow did not seem to want it. We gave a groan and a wan little smile and said goodbye to our hopes of getting anything out of our wheat board certificates.

### Fighting the Hoppers

Whirr, and a gentle tip tap and the grasshoppers came and we got up another hour earlier still and kept the boys and the girls home from school, hooked up the old Bennett buggy and fought the hoppers. Every day they ate a little further in and the pesky things got bigger. We poisoned ten thousand and ten million came to the funeral. They got bigger and started to fly and we sorrowfully said goodbye to this field and that and stopped poisoning.

Then the days got hotter and land drier, the winds higher. The plow shares wore out, no money to pay the blacksmith bill, and oh yes, what about the money to pay for the children's exams?

The horses are getting thin, the crop going day by day and the green peas and lettuce shrivelling in the garden.

Will there be potatoes? No one can be sure. How is the crop? has turned into the anxious enquiry. Will there be seed and what about feed when even the Russian thistles are not growing very much?

### How to Live Another Year

Then the long anxious wait from farmer and housewife and kiddies, how are we going to live for another year? How is the hired man to be paid? Will there be seed like there used to be? Will feed and fuel oil relief be supplied to put in another crop next year. Oh, my, always next year. Will the schools be kept open? What about the hospitals? Clothes and shoes for the kiddies are gone, how and where are we to get more?

Two glass-eyed letters come in the mail, one from the machine and one from the mortgage company, and we read, "In view of the good crop prospects, we expect you to meet your obligations to us promptly, etc."

Farmers, we need a live aggressive, militant farm organization now more than ever before. Come in and help us build a bigger, better and stronger U.F.A.

JACK SUTHERLAND,

Hanna, Alberta.

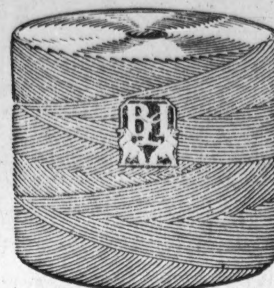
### THINKS PROSPERITY BONDS "HOT MONEY"

Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*:

It is as well for the people of Alberta to recognize from the beginning that the "Prosperity Bonds" issued by the Provincial Government are only another tax on the community, just another charge on their production.

These "bonds" were described by Mr. Fallow recently as "hot money." You cannot keep them in your pocket or each week a tax stamp has to be affixed to them, and if a person only kept them long enough, for each "dollar" he kept, another dollar in tax would have to be paid.

We should make a determined stand against this; if people would refuse to accept this so-called money,



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## Vegreville Urges \$1.25 As Minimum Wheat Price

Strongly urging the Federal Government to continue the Canada Wheat Board with a minimum wheat price of \$1.25, a resolution was passed by the annual convention of the U.F.A. in Vegreville Federal constituency at Willingdon, states a report from P. M. Shavchuk, secretary, just as we go to press.

Putting into operation of the Health Insurance Act by the Provincial Government was requested by the convention, which also went on record as favoring amendment of the Crop Share Lease Act to give the creditor only the same rights as under an ordinary lease; asked replacement of the Agricultural Stabilization Act; suggested withdrawal of the U.F.A. from the political field; supported the stand of the U.F.C., Sask. Section, in proposing a grain strike unless the Canada Wheat Board and a satisfactory minimum price be maintained.

Strong support for the *Western Farm Leader* was urged.

Speakers at the afternoon session were R. Hennig and L. Hutchison, A. M. Matheson and I. Goresky; while the evening meeting heard addresses by M. Luchkovich and E. E. Roper.

either as change, or for their goods and services, a state of uncertainty would exist, and would force the withdrawal of the bonds, the use of which may be very detrimental to the people of this Province.

Heretofore we have been able to use Canadian dollars, which can be kept an indefinite time without tax.

The present Government are presumably unable to raise money in the usual way; therefore they intend issuing paper which is worth nothing until people have paid enough tax on it.

Let us demand Canadian dollars in return for services or goods, dollars which we can use without paying tax.

Yours truly,

G. E. CARTER.

Markerville, Alta.



## Interests of



## Much Interest in Farm Movement Shown

**Mrs. Price Addresses Well Attended Meetings in Various Parts of Province**

"Real interest, most encouraging meetings, and the observing in all rural communities visited of positive evidence that the U.F.A. is far from being dead but that the farm people are going to carry on and build up the movement in both the U.F.A. and the Farm Women's and Junior organizations," were the experiences of Mrs. R. Price, President of the U.F.W.A., in a two months' tour of many districts recently completed.

She commenced her tour with the President of the Farm Young People's organization, in the Peace River following the Junior Conference and has since covered many parts of the Province, in Acadia, Red Deer, Vegreville and other constituencies, speaking at Hanna, Stavelly, Iron Springs, Olds, Sedgewick, Lamont, among other places. Wherever possible she was accompanied by the U.F.W.A. Director and by Miss Archibald. Meetings were well attended.

## Renewed Strength Shown at Pembina Conference

By Mrs. L. M. MCGINNIS

Under the able leadership of the two Directors, Mrs. Dieffenbaugh and Mrs. Lowe, a successful conference of women from U.F.W.A. Locals in Pembina constituency showed the renewed strength of the organization.

Mrs. W. Ross Provincial Vice-president, spoke on the legislation of the U.F.A. administration and the new school curriculum. Miss Emerson, of the Department of Health, sketched a history of public health work in the Province since 1906.

Geo. MacLachlan gave a very interesting and humorous account of his first journey out of the Province in thirty-five years—a trip to California and Mexico last winter.

Mrs. Baker, Director, brought greetings from East and West Edmonton. Local speakers were Mrs. Lowe, Mrs. Lyons, whose subject was the growing of perennials, and Mr. Beatt.

The Conference passed a resolution recommending that the U.F.W.A. Board appoint a convener for Socialism.

The museum was a real success. The exhibits ranged from Indian arrowheads and old coins to bedspreads, clocks and butterbolls.

A full house greeted Mr. Roper and Mr. Irvine for the evening meeting, and both spoke to a very appreciative audience.

## Floral Contest Feature of Lethbridge Conference

A floral contest, with prizes (donated by Lethbridge firms) for the best mixed bouquets of six kinds of flowers, was a new feature of the sixth annual U.F.W.A. Conference for Lethbridge constituency, held at Iron Springs under the capable leadership of Mrs. Peters, Director. Miss Molly Copeland was secretary. The chief addresses were given by Mrs. Price and Mrs. Malloy, with a number of short talks by various Local members.

Asking restoration of health work, especially the travelling clinic, and

urging continuation of the Canada Wheat Board were two of the resolutions passed. Others suggested a clause by clause study of the C.C.F. program and reduction of U.F.W.A. membership fee to one dollar; protested against war; pledged support to the Radium Fund; expressed faith in the organization; and declared the gathering's loyalty to the new King, Edward VIII.

Community singing, solo numbers and a delicious picnic supper were enjoyed by the members and visitors present.

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## AWAKENING

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With the will to help each other there is nothing can withstand us—

We can share the world's bounty with abundance for us all.

But unless we hold together money's forces will disband us,

And condemn us still to suffer with our backs against the wall.

New helpers rally daily to the work of exploration

In the fields of peace and plenty that but few of us have known.

We must approach our problems with a true co-operation

So that powers that now exploit us may be won or overthrown.

Our souls must be exalted over money won and hoarded,

And the welfare of the people constitute the nation's wealth.

No longer is there anything that cannot be afforded

To provide our human birthright of good living and good health.

The children now among us must be done with all privation;

For the children who are coming must a welcome be prepared—

Our youth must be regarded as the life-blood of the nation,

And tomorrow's youth the sorrows of today's youth must be spared.

On homes secure and happy is our country's structure founded,

So we must raze every hovel where disease and hunger range.

Our glory is departed if the clarion call now sounded

Does not stir us to enlist upon the battlefield of change.

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

## Activities of Farm Women's Locals

The summer meetings of Notre Dame U.F.W.A. have been well attended and interesting, reports Mrs. A. C. Henderson, secretary. A number of members attended the Namo conference and the U.F.A. Sunday meeting at Horse Hills, and were greatly inspired by Mr. Brownlee's address. The attendance at both was remarkable, adds Mrs. Henderson.

Battleview U.F.W.A., again the proud winners of the banner for handicraft exhibits at the Battle River convention, had 21 entries and received 5 first prizes, 3 seconds and 5 thirds. Mrs. Stranahan, their president, was a delegate to the Farm Women's week at Vermilion. Recently this Local met jointly with Autumnleaf U.F.W.A. to hear an address by Mrs. Frank Redmond, director, on co-operation in Sweden.

Last month Sunnyvale U.F.W.A. (Heath) celebrated their 21st anniversary by a basket picnic at Gooseberry Lake. Mrs. Frank Redmond made a birthday cake, decorated with blue candles, and Mrs. J. Guthrie, first secretary and still a member, had the honor of cutting it. Great regret was felt, writes Mrs. Harry Betty, present secretary, that prolonged illness prevented the attendance of Mrs. Postans, first president of the Local.

Celebrating the 21st anniversary of the U.F.W.A., Olds Local met at the home of Mrs. E. Espersen. Inspection of the large flower, fruit and vegetable garden—one of the show places of the district—was followed by the regular meeting, under the chairmanship of Mrs. J. Dodd. Mrs. T. Noad read an outline of the work accomplished by the U.F.W.A. during its lifetime; there was a humorous contest, with prizes; and lunch, featured by a birthday cake, complete with 21 candles, cut by Mrs. John Graham, a charter member.

## WOOLWORTH PROFITS

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## WINS 15 YEAR STRUGGLE

With the opening of its own power plant last month the little city of Florence, Alabama, won a 15-year struggle with the Alabama Power Company to buy its distributing system.

## Farm Home and Garden

**Sour Milk Gingerbread:** Mix 1 cup molasses with 1 cup sour milk. Sift together 2-1/3 cups flour, 1-3/4 teaspoons soda, 2 teaspoons ginger, 1/2 teaspoon salt. Combine with liquids, add 4 tablespoons shortening, melted, and beat all vigorously. Pour into shallow pan and bake 30 minutes in a moderate oven.

**Moulded Fruit Cream:** Soak 1 tablespoon granulated gelatine in a quarter cup cold water. Dissolve 1/2 cup sugar in 1 cup fruit juice (heated) and add the gelatine. Let it cool, and when partially set, add 1 cup canned fruit and 1 tablespoon lemon juice; then fold in 1 cup cream, whipped stiff. Mould, and chill. (Stewed or canned berries, peaches, pineapple, etc., may be used.)

**Golden Mountain:** Make a junket of 1-pint whole milk and 1 package orange-flavored rennet, and cool. Beat the white of an egg until stiff, adding gradually 1/4 cup sugar, then 1/3 cup prune pulp and lemon flavoring. When serving, pile the prune whip on dishes of junket; decorations of sections of orange make this a very festive dessert.

**Scrambled Eggs with Tomato Sauce:** Simmer 2 small cups canned tomatoes with 2 teaspoons sugar; brown 1 small onion, sliced, in 4 tablespoons heated butter; add tomatoes with salt and pepper, and six eggs, slightly beaten. Cook as you would scrambled eggs.

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## In Northern Alberta

By MARGARET ARCHIBALD  
President of the Junior U. F. A.

To the Farm Young People of Alberta: For some time past I have had a desire to visit the Peace River country. This past June I had the opportunity of fulfilling that wish, and at this time I wish to thank the "United Farm Young People" for making it possible for me to tour the north in their interests and my own. I may say that our twenty meetings were most interesting. The young people (and there are many of them) are interested in our organization and as a result there are three live locals, of forty, thirteen and thirty members each. The tentative plans were made at five other points to be organized in the early fall.

My companions on this trip were Mrs. Price, our beloved U.F.W.A. President, and William Irvine, C.C.F. organizer for the Province. Who could ask for better companions—for good friendship, and for inspiration in their addresses, in which they never forget to use their sense of humor—a quality needed greatly on such an expedition. I consider it an honor and a privilege to have had the opportunity of travelling with them.

### Majestic Land of Great Rivers

The country is majestic. Huge rivers and lakes, swollen high with the persistent rains; trees everywhere—some queer looking things, tall and straight with branches and leaves at the extreme top just in a tuft, vegetation everywhere, crops looking their very finest.

This is very nearly the land of the midnight sun—we could easily read outside at eleven o'clock in the evening.

The weather man behaved beautifully, until our very last day. We appreciate this, because muddy roads in the Peace River are no small concern of those who must "get there."

Our drivers and modes of transport were many and varied, but each in his turn took us to our destination without mishap. Mr. Macklin, U.F.A. director for Peace River, accompanied us a great deal of the way. The arguments between Mr. Macklin and Mr. Irvine were great, even though it was a strain on their vocal chords to make themselves heard above the din of the car. Argument would end finally by one of them saying, "Oh, Let's Sing!"

And the Roses—I mustn't forget them. Those who had the choosing of Alberta's floral emblem surely must have visited this great north land at some time. For miles and miles we would drive along through red and pink hedges of roses, and in the evenings especially the aroma was delightful.

### Peace River Town

Peace River town itself is worthy of special mention. It is situated on the banks of the Mighty Peace, as its name implies, between two massive hills. Starting down the hill the town is out of view until you come right into it. The road and scenery are much like many mountain views. The river at this point is dotted all along with islands which add greatly to its picturesqueness.

We had to ferry the car at one point. A flat scow was guided across by a heavy wire cable. A brisk breeze was coming off the river; I was quite thrilled and asked Mr. Irvine if he didn't think it pretty nice. He, being an old seaman, replied, "Yeah, but I'd like it better if we weren't tied up to that piece of wire."

Sometimes I could not help but

compare the productivity of this north land with other sections of the Province.

### Similar Problems Everywhere

But in the north as well as in the south, east or west, similar problems are evident, especially those of the young people. In all I found bright young boys and girls, through school and trained for some profession—doing nothing; also many who desire higher education have been unable to get it because of lack of money; and lastly the farm-minded youth who is on the farm from choice but even there, the best of places, conditions are not as they should be.

And so to the young people throughout Alberta, whoever you are, wherever you are, my message to you is—our problem ahead is not one of climate, of weather conditions, of altitude or location, but a far greater one. A greater one—yet one that we can solve if we set that object before us. That is the giving of whatever we have toward the bringing about of a Co-operative Commonwealth in Canada.

### What Shall Replace Capitalism?

It is true that rivers continue to flow, the sun continues to shine and whiskers continue to grow—but not so with economic systems—thank heaven. History tells us that many systems have been born, made their contribution and died. Capitalism will naturally do likewise. What do we want in its place?

What else have young people but a future? I would say nothing and even the future is not attractive today.

But let's make it attractive. We want a future that offers world peace, opportunity and a sense of security.

Let us all—farm youth and city youth—line up in the ranks of those organizations—the Junior U.F.A. and the C.C.Y.M.—that have as their objective a social order that will give these precious things to all the young people of Canada.

## Square Deal Juniors Win Debating Honors

### Finals in Junior Competition Feature of Acadia Federal Convention

By decision of the judges, who were not unanimous, the Square Deal Junior U.F.A. team won the final over Craigmyle Junior team in the Acadia Constituency Junior Debating competition which formed a feature of the Acadia Federal Convention held at Hanna in July.

The subject was: Resolved, that the League of Nations can be made effective as an instrument of World Peace under the existing social and economic order.

Square Deal team, consisting of Cecil Stringer and Mary Heyler, took the affirmative and Craigmyle the negative, the team being John Asserud and Ronald Vernon. P. W. Bilwiller of Richdale, H. G. McCrea, editor of the *Hanna Herald*, and Ed. Blain of Hanna were the judges. Ronald Fraser was chairman of the debate.

Robert Gardiner and Lorne Proudfoot addressed the convention in the evening. There was a good crowd of delegates and visitors. Officers of the Constituency Association were elected as follows:

President, James Cameron, Wastana (also elected delegate to annual U.F.A. Convention); Vice-President, Mrs. R. C. Fraser, Neco; Secretary-Treasurer, Jack Sutherland, Hanna; Directors: 1st Division, S. R. Hooper, Rowley, and Mrs. E. J. Sutherland, Hanna; 2nd Division, Mrs. D. L. Anderson,

## Plans of Co-operative Council Are Being Considered by Government

Council Urges Early Declaration of Plans re Livestock in Drought Areas—Also Proposes Committee of Producers to Devise Comprehensive Future Policy—Important Gathering Deals With Tasks of Farmer Co-operatives

Requests made by the Alberta Co-operative Council at its annual meeting late in July, for the determination of a policy with respect to the problem of livestock in the drought affected areas, are under advisement by the Government, Right Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King, Prime Minister, has informed E. W. Brunsden, secretary of the Council, in a recent letter.

The Council asked that in view of the heavy sacrifices which producers have been compelled to make, in part as the result of alarming statements by persons of public prominence, a definite and positive announcement of Government policy should be made at the earliest possible date.

### Ask Committee of Producers

In regard to the whole problem created in the areas affected by drought, the Dominion Government was asked to consider the appointment of a livestock committee representative of producers of all types of livestock, in conjunction with the Dominion Department of Agriculture. Such a committee, it was proposed, should also study the situation in its widest aspects, with a view not only to meeting the present situation but also to providing for the future.

Proceedings of the council, which was presided over alternately by C. Jensen, chairman, and Norman D. Stewart, vice-chairman, covered a wide range of farmer-co-operative interests. Delegates from the various affiliated marketing and purchasing co-operatives, numbered 25; there were representatives present of 20 co-operative organizations. The constitution drafted at the formative convention at Red Deer was adopted with minor changes, and is now being prepared for distribution by the secretary, 500 Lougheed Building, Calgary, who will be glad to send copies to all interested persons.

Appreciation of the maintaining in operation by the Dominion Government of the machinery of the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act was expressed, and the Government were urged to extend the services given under the act so that alleviation of farmer indebtedness may be speeded up.

Active publicising of farmer-consumer co-operation necessities was recommended in regard to farm supplies and household. Where possible marketing co-operatives were asked to buy supplies from the consumer sections of the council.

### Endorse Pool Recommendations

Recommendations made by the Alberta Wheat Pool to the Dominion Government with regard to wheat marketing were endorsed. These asked that provision be made for the handling by the Wheat Board of oats, barley, rye and flax; that an effort be made by the Government to obtain international agreement in the marketing of surplus wheat at price levels fair to producers and consumers; that trade agreements be entered into with foreign countries whereby in return for tariff conces-

sonsort, and Geo. W. Sturmer, Consort; 3rd Division, Lorne Proudfoot, Chinook, and Mrs. Laura Bishop, Excel; 4th Division, Geo. Hanson, Pollockville, and Mrs. J. M. Pearce, Carolside.

sions wider and more stable markets can be secured for Canadian wheat, and that if markets cannot be found for our production, Federal legislation supplemented by Provincial enabling acts be passed to provide for a quota system of deliveries from the farm.

Among recommendations made by sections, all of which were endorsed by the council, were the following:

**Poultry Division:** asking the directors to explore in conjunction with the Provincial Government the possibility of marketing legislation being adopted similar to that of British Columbia, and the possibility of developing voluntary co-operative marketing of poultry; co-operation of the council with all other poultry groups to promote the industry.

**Dairy Division:** seeks through the Provincial Government a review by the Utilities Commission of the cream hauling situation, with a view to licensing private trucks carrying cream as common carriers and establishing mileage basis rates and maximum charges. Endorse Natural Products Marketing Act.

**Livestock Division:** asks more vigorous action in combatting hog diseases and extension of field services to that end.

An expression of goodwill was extended to the newly formed Alberta section of the Co-operative Union of Canada. Before the next meeting a system of pooling for delegates will be worked out.

### Propose Western Chamber

While in full sympathy with the proposal to create a Canadian Chamber of Agriculture, delegates declared by resolution that in their opinion the interests of agriculture can best be served by the creation of a Western Chamber, whose activities would be co-ordinated with those of a similar body for the Eastern Provinces. It was recommended that steps looking to the formation of such a Western Chamber of Agriculture be taken by the existing Western Agricultural Conference, which has already made much progress towards the linking up of farmer organizations in the West.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Chairman, C. Jensen; Vice-chairman, W. C. McKenzie; second vice-chairman, Norman F. Priestley; directors J. H. Rhodes, Brant; George Church, Balzac; L. Hutchinson, Duhamel.

Henry Young of Millet and Arthur G. B. Grenville of Morrin attended the recent annual meeting of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association, as delegates from Alberta. F. W. Townley-Smith of Blackburn, Sask., was elected president for the coming year, and F. L. Dickinson of the United Grain Growers field staff, was elected vice-president.

Sawfly damage is reported from the Three Hills district, the crop of Andrew Davis showing serious effects from this pest.

The annual cereal crops Field Day of Lacombe Experimental Farm will be held August 12th, with the meeting of the Alberta Section of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association on the same day. The Soldier Settlers' Field Day is taking place today.

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### Canada's Surplus Wheat Has Gone!

A careful survey of the prospective harvest in Western Canada suggests that it will yield only about 115 million bushels of surplus available for export. This calculation is based on a crop of 215 million bushels and on the conservative figure of 100 million bushels required for domestic consumption—for seeding for next spring and for stock feed. The carry-over from last year will be about 115 million bushels, so that the total excess supplies will reach a grand total of 230 million bushels.

There is every possibility that the United States will import from Canada 50 million bushels of wheat during the ensuing crop year because of the scarcity of high quality wheat in that country. To be on the safe side in this calculation the figure is placed at 25 million bushels. A Canadian carry-over at the end of the 1936-37 crop year of 35 million bushels would be quite conservative, so that exports to the U.S.A. and the Canadian carry-over should total 60 million bushels. Deducting this 60 million from the Canadian surplus of 230 million leaves a total of 170 million bushels available for overseas trade.

#### Should Be Keen Demand

In view of the general world situation which suggests a substantially increased demand from importing countries over last year's volume, and also in view of the fact that Canada is the only country with sufficient supplies on hand to meet importers' requirements for the balance of the year, it appears safe to say that there should be a keen demand for every available bushel of Canadian wheat. This forecast is supported by competent world authorities.

Of all the interests who have been urging the sale of the Canadian wheat surplus at any prices obtainable, the *Winnipeg Free Press* appears to be the only one still obsessed with the idea that such a step was good business. It still cannot see that it would have been profitable for the Canadian Wheat Board to have ceased its free selling policy earlier in the season and endeavored to get a little more money for its wheat. The *Free Press* exults in the fact that the surplus has been

## What's Doing at CFAC?

### CFAC COVERAGE

Pat Freeman, CFAC's Chief Announcer, has had a record month for Overseas mail on his "Looking on the Bright Side" program. He has received one letter from Scotland, three from England, one from California, one from Hawaii and one from Bulawao, Southern Rhodesia.

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday the familiar strains of "Home, Sweet Home" will usher in the Parker Family. The Parkers are very human every-day people whom we think you will like for their sheer naturalness. This transcription feature is released over CFAC in Calgary by the General Dry Batteries of Canada Limited—makers of the well known General Superbuilt A and B batteries.

Owing to the numerous rumors that have been going around, we feel that we should offer some kind of explanation. Yes, Oscar did enter the recent Announcers' Contest. He did so under an assumed name and also disguised himself. Unfortunately, as he was proceeding to the station, in disguise, a constable picked him up for a suspicious character and took him to the station for questioning. Needless to say he missed his turn and was therefore eliminated.—Adv't.

### Milk and Cream Prices

Little or no change has taken place on all butter markets during the past week. The undertone appears firm, however. The recent sales volume is holding up well. No shipment of Alberta butter is believed to have been made during the past two weeks for export. The British market continues to show a very strong undertone. Operators report cream receipts coming in to Calgary plants show a heavy reduction from those of the previous year. There is a possibility that this area may continue to show a heavy decrease in view of the feed situation. Churn cream is based on 22c per lb. for special grade, delivered Calgary. City milk is \$1.95 per hundred for 3.6 butterfat. Table cream 27.

### Review of Livestock Markets

**CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Aug. 5th.**—The market is slow on common cattle, active on good fat cattle. Hogs are higher, with selects at \$9.25, bacon \$8.75, butchers \$8.25, off trucks. Good lambs are \$6 to \$6.25, common \$4 to \$5. Good to choice butcher steers \$3.75 to \$4.50, common to medium \$2 to \$3.50. Good stocker steers \$2 to \$2.75, common \$1.50 to \$1.75.

diminished so drastically, pointing with pride to the much higher prices now available for the farmer.

The unfortunate part is that the majority of farmers will have very little grain to sell and hence cannot be materially benefitted by higher prices. In fact many of them will have to buy feed and seed and will be more harmed by high prices than helped. Further, Canada has no large volume of wheat left and so cannot benefit as a nation from the better prices that would have been obtained. Instead, the speculators seem in line to reap any great benefits from higher prices and the producers are left out in the cold. But it was ever thus.

The general opinion among the farming population is that the new Wheat Board did not have the courage of the old; or, if it did have the courage, the wheat reserves were sloughed off in a deliberate effort to lose money and discredit the McFarland operations. As one of Mr. McFarland's bitterest opponents the *Free Press* must take a measure of responsibility.

### Southern Co-operators Much Interested

From recent letters received we quote the following: "We are much interested in your paper, having heard favorable comments in connection therewith, from farmers and others."  
—W. C. McKenzie, Manager, Southern Alberta Co-operative Association, Ltd., Lethbridge.

## Fascist Revolt Seeks to End Popular Front Government in Spain

### Fortunes of Civil War Vary—Peace of Europe Threatened—Non-Intervention Proposals

Launched 21 days ago from Morocco with General Francisco Franco at its head, and spreading to Spain itself, a Fascist insurrectionary movement against the recently elected Popular Front Government has plunged the republic into sanguinary civil war, with the fortunes of war uncertain as this issue goes to press.

The peace of Europe is jeopardized, as underground support from Mussolini and Hitler for the insurrectionary movement is suspected. Italian aircraft which came down in French North African territory were attached to a regular squadron of the Italian air forces until July 20th, an official French investigation has revealed. The commander of a German battleship went ashore at Fascist headquarters and conferred with General Franco. Planes of Italian and German manufacture are being extensively used by the rebels. French Socialist and Communist volunteers are flocking to the help of the Spanish Government.

#### Heavy Casualties

Red Cross officials in Madrid estimate the loss of life to date at 35,000, and the number of wounded at 100,000. The Government holds Madrid, Barcelona, and the Mediterranean coast down to Malaga, the Atlantic coast from San Sebastian to Oviedo, the Western borderlands, most of industrial Spain is in Government hands. The insurgents hold Spanish Morocco and most of the agricultural Provinces of Spain, their communication with the sea being broken except in the north and the south.

Spanish Fascists are displaying the swastika, symbol of Hitler's Nazi party, in Morocco. In Spain the Communist workmen and Socialists have been armed and are supporting the Liberal or Popular front Government.

#### French Fears

France fears the setting up of a third Fascist state on her borders would endanger her as a democratic state. She has proposed a three power guarantee of non-intervention, to Britain and Italy. Italy has not yet replied. An effort is being made to build up a seven-power pact of neutrality, which would include Germany, Italy and the Soviet Union. France, Britain and Belgium are already in agreement; but fears are expressed that the Fascist states which have shown strong sympathy to the rebels, may place obstacles in the way.

**ATHENS, Aug. 5th.**—Following announcement of a 24-hour general strike, in protest against the new minimum wage laws and enforced arbitration of workers' disputes, the Greek Government has proclaimed martial law.

The chamber of deputies, in which Communists held the balance of power, has been dissolved.

**EDMONTON, Aug. 5th.**—First issue of scrip is being sent out to the various constituencies today, for payment to men doing road work, totalling \$250,000.

## Co-operative Philosophy Has Strong Practical Side

By OBSERVER

The annual meetings of farm co-operative organisations in various parts of the Province held during the past month or two, are very enlightening, in that they serve to indicate the toll taken from producers when various services are performed for them by private individuals or groups rather than by themselves through co-operatives.

Those with only a superficial knowledge of co-operation sometimes look upon it as a philosophy without a very strong practical side. This is wrong. Co-operation in purchasing, distributing and selling of products, when soundly operated, has very distinct material benefits.

Take for example the dairy business. The largest of Alberta's co-operative creameries, the Central Alberta Dairy Pool, in addition to building a substantial reserve, and making all the customary allowances for depreciation, bad debts, etc., in the last fiscal year of its operation paid back to its member producers a dividend of around four cents per pound butterfat.

Another example in mind at the moment is the operation of the Southern Alberta Co-operative Association Ltd., with headquarters at Lethbridge. This co-operative specializes in the selling of live stock and hay, but also deals in farm supplies. It had a turnover of around \$600,000 in its most recent year of business, and showed a gross trading surplus of \$14,000. Ordinarily this surplus would go to line the pockets of a small group of individuals. Produced as it is through co-operative effort, it goes into assets to be used for the advantage of all the members, into reserves for years of disadvantage, and into returns of cash to those who made the surplus possible.

Other examples, equally as impressive, could be given, but these suffice to show that co-operation has a definite practical benefit. The results quoted, and others up and down the Province, are tributes to the spirit of groups of Alberta co-operators, and to the judgment and skill of the managers to whom are entrusted the affairs of these organisations.

Another very real benefit of co-operation is the control it has on the activities of private interests engaged in the same services as those performed by co-operatives. It is a matter of record that where successful co-operative organisations exist, the competitive private interests never get far out of line with their charges. In fact, in some districts, private interests fail entirely, because of the justice meted out by co-operatives in their schedules of charges, and the absence of opportunities for "velvet" in competition with them. This is a result for which the co-operatives seldom receive credit.

Judge Carpenter of the Board of Public Utility Commissioners reserved judgment on the application of milk producers for increased prices due to feed shortage, made last week. The Milk Producers' association, stating that an increased price equal to 1 cent a quart from consumers will not solve their problems, have applied to the Provincial Government for assistance in securing feed.

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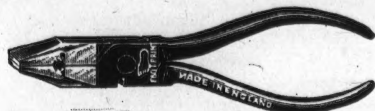


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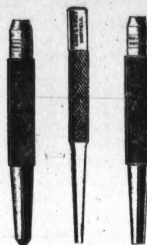
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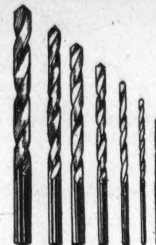


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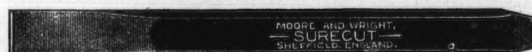
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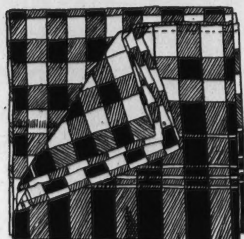


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### Priestley States Position

In opening the recent convention of the C.C.F. Clubs in Edmonton, Norman F. Priestley, Vice-president of the U.F.A., and chairman of the C.C.F. Provincial Council, stated his personal position in reference to politics and the co-operative movement as follows:

"In closing may I be pardoned for a personal note.

"It was my privilege and honor to be the national secretary of the C.C.F. for more than two years after its foundation; and I have had the honor to be the chairman of the C.C.F. Provincial Council since it was first formed. It so happens, however, that for the past five years my chief function has been to direct the attempts of the organized farmers to build a co-operative system of buying farm supplies. In the face of crop failure and low prices it has been a difficult task; but we have had an outstanding measure of success.

#### In Line With C.C.F. Principles

"You will readily recognize that such work is in line with the principles and objectives of the C.C.F. It is my firm conviction that to practice co-operation in the economic field, now, while we are under capitalism, is essential to progress.

"Our efforts have been seriously impeded in the past two years by the political storm which has been passing over our Province. The prejudice and passion of political controversy is not a suitable atmosphere in which

to develop either the spirit or the technique of co-operation. I find it necessary, therefore, if I am to continue to work in this field, to withdraw from active participation in politics where there is so much ill-will and even hatred, and to devote myself to building up that co-operative spirit and those forms of co-operative organization of the people without which there can be no Co-operative Commonwealth."

In opening his address Mr. Priestley stated that in view of his not being personally a member of the C.C.F. club movement, but belonging to the U.F.A., one of the foundation affiliates of the Federation, he wished to make a brief analysis of the situation in respect to the Federation in Alberta.

#### Of Serious Moment

At a later stage in his address Mr. Priestley said: "The C.C.F. club movement is taking shape, not only in the cities, towns and villages for which it was designed, but in rural parts as well. This is a fact of serious moment to the farm movement and cannot be lightly regarded by any section of the Federation, no matter what the point of view. In creating a Federation, rather than a political party in 1932, we thought to preserve those bodies which have served the economic interests of the farmer and labor sections of the community which created them. We believed they had wider functions than a political party and were more permanent in nature. So far as any official action is concerned the situation is not changed in Alberta."



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By SYDNEY MAY

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We see by the papers that a new safety razor which cuts shaving time in half, has been put on the market. Knotty Frankie says he's going to buy two of 'em; then he won't have to waste time shaving at all.

A bachelor, opines Dreamy Dan'l of Rocky Mountain House, can't drown his sorrows in drink, as he hasn't any sorrows.

#### ISN'T IT THE TRUTH?

Paradoxical as it may sound, it's the people who hit the hot spots who get left out in the cold.

The Bad Egg of Crow's Nest says he knows a jane who despite the depression saved over \$100 last year. Yep, she must be one of those new Prosperity Blondes we've been hearing so much about.

#### WAIL FROM WALLY

Love is what makes a guy think he's in heaven while a gal is playing hell with his bank roll.

—Wally, the incurable Bach.

#### R.S.V.P.

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I wonder does it give delight  
Where sadness would come stealing.  
I wonder if it's worth my while  
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And if sometimes I raise a smile,  
Or thoughts that you may treasure?  
For oft I feel I waste my time  
And yours in useless jesting;  
Instead of seeking quip and rhyme,  
For wealth I should be questing.  
So you who read this junk of mine,  
(The truth—I'd like to hit it),  
Please sit you down and drop a line,  
And tell me—shall I quit it?

Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp, tells us she has discovered the great secret of Kind Edward's popularity. Yep, she says, it's his Rex appeal.

#### TODAY'S BRAIN WAVE

Alas and slack, too often in these days cold cash is hot money.

"Seagulls Halt Movie Work"—headline in the Chicago *Herald Examiner*. Oh, well, it's about time some of those actors got the bird.

Favorite song this season, of Southern Alberta farmers: "It ain't a-gonna rain no mo'."

We see by the papers that an English clergyman has issued an invitation to "come to church in bathing dress." Maybe he thinks the service will be all wet.

#### WHY TEACHERS GET GREY

"A banana skin left on the sidewalk is what is known as the Yellow Peril."



The Calgary Callies proved to be a second class team when they encountered the New Westminster Royals in the playdowns for top honors in Canadian soccer. The Callies didn't do badly the first game, losing by a 2-1 score, but in the next game the Royals cut loose and overwhelmed the unfortunate Calgary Scots in a tornado of goals. Alberta football just hasn't the class to compete in championship events.

The Detroit Tigers are the "forgotten men" of baseball. Even their own crowds give them the razzberry. Mickey Cochrane has to start that well-known job of rebuilding from the bottom upward. Fame is ephemeral.

A tip for fall: watch the Regina Rough Rider rugby team this coming season! Irritated by the ease with which the Winnipeggers tromped over their pets last fall, the Rough Rider management has scoured the U.S. college teams for fresh material.

No, the Canucks are not doing much in the Olympic games. Miracles do not happen very often among such keen competitions.

The St. Louis Cards had to bench a 300 hitter in Rip Collins to get Johnny Mize on first base. Mize is hitting .366 but is not the agile fielder that Collins has proven to be. But hitting counts in the big show.

Yessir, Jimmie Braddock and Maxie Schmelling will fight it out for the championship of the world this fall. And the prophets are already hedging on their predictions. The Louis-Schmelling fight taught the pencil boys to be careful.

The New York Yankees look to be "in" for the championship of the American league. The Cleveland Indians might have had a chance if they had beaten the Yanks in their recent home series. But the terrific batting of the New York team by Lou Gehrig was too much for the Tribe.

The National League is a battle royal with the Chicago Cubs, the St. Louis Cards, the New York Giants and the Pittsburgh Pirates all having a chance to drive in on top. The Cubs have the pole at the time of writing but they are on a hot spot at that.

The St. Louis Cards are a dangerous team but they have been losing too many games to weak sisters. The Brooklyn Dodgers and the Boston Bees took the measure of the Gas House gang in the last series and even the Phillies got away with a game or two at the expense of the Cards.

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Figures presented to the meeting showed that the finances of the Alberta Co-operative Wholesale are being speedily adjusted.

The meeting was representative of co-operative stores in many parts of Alberta, who reported on the progress made during the past year. George Keen, General Secretary of the Union, attended the sessions throughout.

Hon. J. E. Brownlee, K.C., and E. W. Brunsden were among others who addressed the convention, which marked real advances in the co-operative store movement in the Province.

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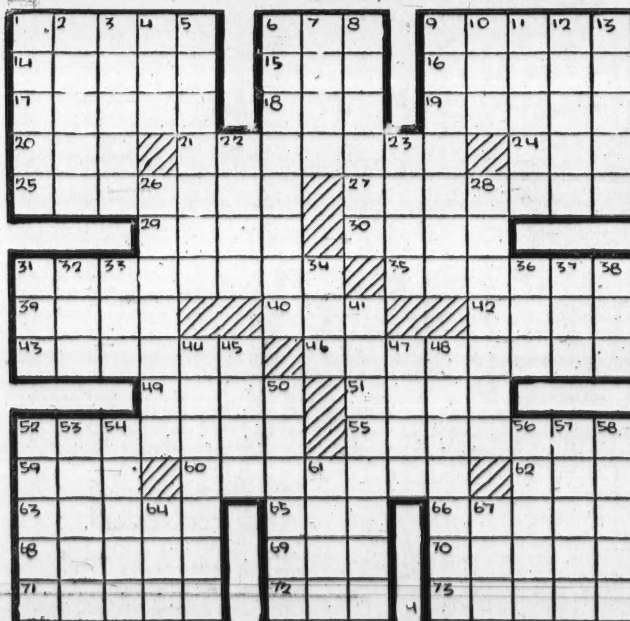
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- 9—Cause of motion
- 14—Sheep-like
- 15—Timber
- 16—Cognizant
- 17—Ribbon (obs.)
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- 19—Stradivarius violin (along)
- 20—Join closely
- 21—Heron feathers
- 24—Philippine negrito
- 25—Unlock
- 27—Restaurant
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- 39—Harness
- 40—Scotch river
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- 46—Come before
- 49—Girl's name
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## PICTURES OF CURRENT NEWS INTEREST

### *President Roosevelt Broadcasts Goodwill to Empire from Quebec*



Marking the first visit of a President of the United States to a Governor-General of Canada, and the second occasion of an official presidential visit to Canada, President Roosevelt was the guest of Baron Tweedsmuir in Quebec last week. He was heartily cheered by the crowds that lined the streets from the railway station to Dufferin Terrace, where thousands heard both men speak. A cordial spirit of neighborliness characterised the occasion; Mr. Roosevelt asked to be received not as representing a foreign power but as a neighbor and he dwelt upon U.S. friendship with the British Empire. He referred to the fact that thousands of people passed back and forth over the boundary yearly, without

passports; and said that the two countries shared a democratic form of government "which comes to us from common sources." Lord Tweedsmuir spoke of Canada as a link between the Republic and the British Commonwealth, and expressed the hope that the link would grow in strength. Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt are shown above with two guests at their summer home in Campobello, N.B. Left to right, Premier Allison Dysart of New Brunswick, President and Mrs. Roosevelt and Attorney-General J. McNair.

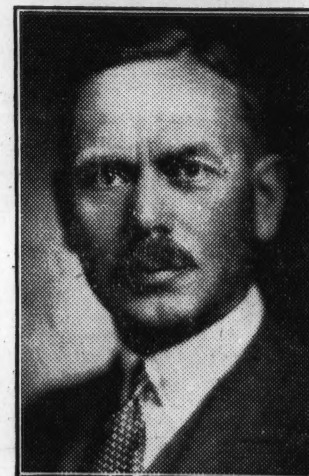
### *Canadian Veterans at Vimy*



Canadian pilgrims representing every Province in the Dominion are shown in front of the Vimy memorial. Standing in the centre is Major Milton Gregg,

V.C., M.C. (in white sweater) and next to him is Col. D. McIntyre in command of the party. The memorial was unveiled by King Edward.

### *Urges Larger Quota*



J. S. McLean, president of Canada Packers Limited, who recently urged that an effort be made to secure a larger cattle export quota with the U.S.